

THE MERKEL MAIL

20,000-Bale Cotton Crop Is Seen For Merkel Section

BADGERS COME OUT OF SLUMP WITH 19-0 WIN

Two Prior Defeats Wiped Out in Friday's Victory Over Blackwell; Terry Smashes Through For Two Touchdowns.

Last Friday afternoon between the hours of four and six p. m. a new chapter of history dawned in the football career of Merkel High school. The Badgers won a victory over Blackwell, 19-0.

In the first quarter of the game, and the quarter was still young, Boaz smashed across the line for Merkel's initial touchdown of the game and year.

In the second quarter, Terry crossed the goal line with the "golden apple" under his arm.

In the third quarter nothing of interest happened except a few spectacular runs by Hamner. Merkel also threatened her own goal line with penalties.

The fourth quarter disclosed two teams. One fighting for another touchdown and fame; the other, her last chance already thrown to the winds, was fighting for its school and honor.

With only a few minutes to play, Terry grabbed a blocked punt and plunging and fighting his way through the eleven players of the opposition crossed the line for his second time, making the score Merkel 19, Blackwell 0.

A clean and sportsman-like game prevailed throughout the battle.

The Badgers made more first downs than Blackwell but also drew more penalties.

The Merkel High players go to the score for this week's game.

Work Done By Merkel School Given Honors

At the exhibit of fire prevention work done in the public schools of Texas, work done by the Merkel school received honors.

A fire prevention poster made by Allah Lois Bryan in the fifth grade was awarded a ribbon of honorable mention. A notebook composed of work of all fifth grade pupils in Miss Sloan's room last year was selected for exhibition. Two fire prevention rule books made by seventh grade pupils were also displayed.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, October 18, 1912.)

The awarding of the Civic Improvement prizes as announced at the Flower Show Friday evening:

Best kept premises—first prize, Mrs. J. G. Hale; second prize, Mrs. John Sears.

Best kept lawn—first prize, Mrs. J. W. Jennings; second prize, Mrs. John Sears.

Most artistic vine covered back fence—first prize, Mrs. W. A. Scott; second prize, Mrs. J. W. Daniel.

Best kept, cleanest and most attractive back yard—first prize, Miss Jackie Jennings.

Prettiest rose border—first prize, Mrs. B. C. Gaither; second prize, Miss Mary Jennings.

Best collection of flowers—first prize, Mrs. J. T. Tucker; second prize, Mrs. J. E. Costephens.

Best kept alley—first prize, Ed Scott; second prize, Emzie Burroughs.

Best kept canna bed—first prize, Miss Roxie Sharp.

Most artistic arrangement vines of veranda—first prize, Miss Elinor Daniel; second prize, Mrs. W. A. Scott.

Prettiest fern—first prize, Mrs. R. A. McClain.

Fancy work—first prize, Mrs. G. H. Adams; second prize, Mrs. R. A. McClain.

T. L. Stevens of Trent was seen going east Sunday, probably to take in the sights of the Dallas Fair.

EDITORIAL

Your Local Merchant and The Mail

The Merkel Mail is issued today in special edition, an issue designed to mirror the present trade stimulation and this territory's potential prosperity.

We have tried to make it readable, informative and entertaining.

The newspaper is the pulse, the voice of the community. More than anything else, the newspaper reflects the condition of the town. A healthy, flourishing newspaper—a flourishing, loyal community; a weak, disorganized town, a ragged, anemic publication.

The newspaper, after all, is the gift of your merchant. It is an institution designed to serve everyone. Subscription prices barely pay the cost of the paper on which it is printed. If your newspaper pleases, your gratitude should be expressed to the people that make it possible, the merchant, the business man.

You cannot see him every day personally though he would like that. His medium of keeping you informed is the newspaper.

We call your attention today to the people who have made this edition possible. Every conscientious, grateful buyer will be interested in their messages. If their offerings please you, mark them down, visit them. It will be your just return for their efforts to please you.

WIN NINETEEN RIBBONS AT FAIR

Famous Largent Cattle Sweep Hereford Division at Texas Show, Leave for Omaha.

As usual the Largent cattle carried off practically all the honors in the Hereford division at the Dallas Fair, winning 19 blue and champion ribbons out of 23 competed for against eleven full herds. The Largent show cattle at Dallas numbers 21 head.

C. M. Largent and Sons, continuing their policy of breeding only the very best, bought the grand champion steer of the State Fair from John M. Guest of Odessa, the price being \$425.

From Dallas the Largent cattle were shipped Saturday night to Omaha, Nebr., for exhibit at the Ak-Sar-Ben stock show. When they are later entered at the Kansas City Royal, another carload will be added from the Merkel ranch.

Recent winnings at the Kentucky State Fair include 17 first and five seconds.

REFUND IS SET AT \$1,032,816

That's Amount of Taylor County's Bill to State Under Bond Remission Law.

Taylor county's bill to the state, under the highway bond remission law, is \$1,032,816.53.

The completed claim—258 typewritten pages containing full information on all bond and warrant issues voted in the county for roads that have become part of the state system—was forwarded Saturday by County Judge Eplen.

It will be considered by the newly created board of county and district road indebtedness, composed of Gibb Gilchrist, state highway engineer; Geo. H. Sheppard, comptroller; and Charley Lockhart, treasurer.

Judge Eplen's exhibit, shows \$1,687,000 as the total of bonds and warrants, for county and road districts, since January 1910, of which the item of \$1,032,816.53 is shown to have gone into roads forming part of the state system and designated since 1917. The law permits as eligible expenditures all sums voted for that purpose since 1910.

The balance is \$654,184, upon which no claim can be established. This money represents right-of-way purchases for state and other highways, not included in the act; work on roads not forming a part of the state highway system, and money transferred to the sinking fund from bond sales.

Judge Eplen's exhibit shows a total of \$1,351,200 still due on all road bonds and warrants to mature after January 1933.

Three Big Events on First Race Program

Everything will be free, including the entries, at the Abilene Coursing club in its first meet of the fall season next Sunday, it is announced. The program will start at 2:30 p. m.

Sponsored by Parramore Post of the American Legion, three events are scheduled: a puppy stake, a futurity event and a cold blood stake, with some of the best dogs of the county entered.

Fred Wittman's Tootsie Wootise, which has raced at Tia Juana, Mexico, is included in the list of entries, together with 8 dogs from the West Best Kennels owned by Riley Horton, Dee Bland and Fred Wittman.

Record of Births. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Vessie Justice, Noodle, Monday, October 17, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Lewis, Wednesday, October 19, 1932.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

A fainting spell, due to weakened condition resulting from an automobile accident, caused Mrs. D. R. Elam, 35, to drown in the bathtub at her home in Fort Worth.

William G. von Gimmingen, an engineer of New York City, who was in Texas as a witness in a law suit, was found dead Monday morning in his hotel room at Eastland.

While working with a construction company at Dallas, Ray Rogers, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Rogers of Winters, was killed when a concrete mixer turned over on him, crushing his body.

Following the return of an indictment for murder in connection with the drowning of his wife in Lake Trammell near Sweetwater last July, L. M. Parks was released when he made \$15,000 bond.

Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, democratic nominee for governor, formally will open her campaign for election Saturday night at San Antonio and make other addresses before the election on November 8.

R. T. Luker, 73, Cotton Belt railway employee for 52 years, having served as engineer for 47 years with a passenger run from Waco to Tyler the last 22 years, died Sunday at a Waco hospital following a brief illness.

Judge Otis Miller of Jones county was elected president of the county judges' and commissioners' association of Texas at the annual meeting in Galveston this week. Mineral Wells was chosen for the 1933 meeting place.

A death verdict, the second for the same person within seven years, was reached by the jury in the trial of Doye Arnold, youthful wife-murderer, at Breckenridge, the first death sentence ever pronounced in a Stephens county court.

John M. Pickett, paroled convict, has signed a confession that he shot Edgar C. Arledge, Jr., 21, University of Texas senior, while the student and his sweetheart were sitting in a parked automobile near the outskirts of Austin, about a month ago.

Season's Ginnings to Date Run 6,468 Bales

Based on a pre-season estimate of 20,000 bales for Merkel's this season cotton crop, over one-third of that amount has already been ginned at the six gins in Merkel and the three outlying gins at Stith, Noodle and Blair. Total ginnings for the season up to Wednesday night totalled 6,478 bales.

For the six days covered in the above figure since the last report, 2,675 bales have been ginned at these nine plants, over 300 more bales than were ginned in the preceding week's tabulation, which showed 2,345 bales.

Grammar Pupils to Present Two Plays

Two one-act plays will be presented in the Grammar School auditorium Tuesday night, October 25, at 7:45 o'clock. The general admission price will be ten cents. Both plays are cleverly arranged juvenile comedies.

"False Pretenses" will be given by Elma Mae Gamble, Betty Grimes, Pauline McAninch, Vernelle Sublett, De La Vergne Teague, Lloyd Vick, Arthur Wiman, Don Swafford, Stanley Toombs, Sylvan Mellinger and Jack Sublett.

Included in the cast for "The Estabrook Nieces" are Opal Buzbee, Ora Derrick, Jaunita Huskey, Janet Haytes, Harold Morgan, R. T. Blair, Robert Higgins and Horace Boney.

Musical selections will be given by the Primary Rhythm band.

THREE-QUARTER MILLION DOLLAR REVENUE PREDICTED AT PRESENT MARKET PRICES ON COTTON YIELD

Things in Merkel That Impressed Me . . .

(By the Newcomer)

Banker W. L. Diltz has the easy air, the correct cigar angle and the warm personality of the natural politician.

Bill Haynes of the Merkel Motor company has the same name as a famous movie star.

Mrs. Blake's sympathy for transient cleaning shop workers. "I wish I could help them all," she said.

The cooperation of R. E. Windham and Curley (Doc) London in the operation of their business and Doc's pride in a set of piston rings he has just installed in somebody's car.

Sam Swann's jesting despite the pain of a recent injury and his insistence that the horse did not throw him.

The anxiousness of Lee Harrell and C. V. Shelton of the Texas Cotton Growers Gin here to run their plant smoothly and efficiently.

The conservative-talking Banker Booth Warren is surrounded by a collection of richly-colored painting prints.

The gratitude of W. A. Turnidge of the Abilene Army Store for the opportunity to make an appeal to the Merkel trade territory for business.

Dee Grimes' interest and pride in his young daughter, Betty Lou.

The bustling about of Jim West, the dignified walk of the elder West and the real likeableness of Henry West.

The clutter of many business books on the desk of J. M. Collins, the Conoco gasoline man here, and his finding time to be courteous and agreeable to visitors.

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Farmer Made Crop on Five-Cent Anticipation and Advance Is Extra Fortune; Depression Teaches Resourcefulness.

Better days are in Merkel again and there is plenty of evidence to prove that it is sound.

With the 1932 cotton crop moving swiftly, stimulated by favorable weather, an 18,000 to 20,000 bale crop is in view.

Based on prevailing market prices of cotton the crop will mean a three quarter of a million dollar revenue to this area.

This year's crop with advanced prices will exceed last years by more than 10,000 bales. It surpasses, too, the outputs of the two previous years. The generosity of the 1932 crop yield has not been limited to cotton. The feed crop was a bumper one. More than 115 carloads of grain was shipped from here this year.

RESOURCEFUL FARMER.

W. L. Diltz, cashier of the Farmers State Bank here, pointed out the comparative absence of borrowing during the past year as an outstanding factor in the healthy condition of the area.

"We have more resourceful, more independent farmers now. The depression, if nothing else, taught them the value of thrift."

The fattened condition of the area's livestock was pointed out by Mr. Diltz as another factor that may be regarded with satisfaction.

President C. M. Largent of the Farmers State Bank paid tribute to the improved resourcefulness of the farmer.

ADMIRE SPIRIT.

The spirit and attitude of the farmer toward his obligation is regarded by Booth Warren, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National bank as significant of healthy conditions here.

"The farmer assumed far less obligations this year than last and is finding no difficulty in meeting the new ones," he said.

The most significant factor, according to Mr. Warren, is that production of the crop this year was the

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BRUCE BARTON

Writes of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"

Supplying a week-to-week inspiration for the heavy-burdened who will find every human trial paralleled in the experiences of "The Man Nobody Knows."

A STRONG RIGHT ARM.

Stung by his taunt, Jesus' accusers hesitated when he told them by what authority he had driven the money-changers from the Temple, and in their moment of hesitation were lost. The soldiers turned their backs; it was nothing that they cared about. But the crowd burst forth in a mighty cheer and rushing forward bore him out of the Temple, the priests and the money-changers scurrying before him. That night his action was the talk of the town.

It is a very familiar story, much preached upon and pictured. But almost invariably the pictures show Jesus with a halo around his head, as though that was the explanation of his triumph. The truth is so much simpler and more impressive. There was, in his eyes, a flaming moral purpose; and greed and oppression have always shriveled before such fire.

But with the majesty of Jesus' glance there was something else which counted powerfully in his favor. As his right arm rose and fell, striking its blows with that little whip, the sleeve dropped back to reveal muscles hard as iron. No one who watched him in action had any doubt that he was fully capable of taking care of himself. No flabby priest or money-changer cared to try conclusions with that arm.

There are these to whom it will seem almost irreverent to suggest that Jesus was physically strong. They think of him as a voice, a presence, a spirit; they never feel the rich contagion of his laughter, nor remember how heartily he enjoyed good food, nor think of what his years of hard toil must have done to his arms and back and legs. Look for a minute at those first thirty years.

There was no soft bed for his mother on the night he entered the World. He was brought forth in a stable, amid animals and the animal-like men who tended them.

When Jesus was still an infant the family hurried away into Egypt. On the long trip back, some years later, he was judged old enough to walk, for there were younger children; and so, day after day, he trudged beside the little donkey, a hard life.

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McDonald Store Has No Parallel In Texas With Women Owners

A mother and daughter run one of Merkel's largest stores and that is a distinction, so far as can be learned here, that has no parallel in all of West Texas.

They are Mrs. Mary J. McDonald and her daughter, Myrtle McDonald. For 35 years the name of McDonald has been prominent in Merkel business. Eight of these years have been in the grocery business. Two years ago, with the death of Mr. McDonald, popular merchant here, his wife and daughter assumed the responsibilities.

"We are carrying on the aim of my husband to give the best," said Mrs. McDonald. "We try to be fair with every one in good times and bad. We sell guaranteed merchandise. It insures our making friends of our customers."

The McDonalds take pride in their Frigidaire service, an exclusive feature of the McDonald Grocery. They buy produce and often pay more than the market price. Another McDonald offering is in fresh coffee. They have the coffee ground the day it is bought.

Dallas Wholesalers Tell Yates Brown Merkel Is Brightest

The Merkel area is regarded by Dallas wholesalers as one of the bright spots in Texas this year, according to Yates Brown, owner of Brown's Bargain Store. Mr. Brown has just returned from Dallas where he bought new merchandise for his business in anticipation of the fall demand.

"These wholesalers said the state as a whole was on the upward trend," Mr. Brown said, "but the Central West Texas area in particular was bright."

After Mr. Brown's discharge from the army in 1918 after the close of the World War he entered the banking business here and for four years followed that. In 1922 he joined his father and brother in the operation of the Brown Dry Goods company. In 1928 he established his own business, Brown's Bargain Store.

Merkel Co-op Gin Assists Its Patrons With Truck Service

Extra accommodations to farmers is pointed out by Lee Harrell, manager of the gin of the Texas Cotton Growers company here, as one of the distinctive features of the local plant. One of these accommodations is in the trucking. The gin provides trucking service for both local delivery and foreign shipment.

C. V. Shelton, who handles the office details of the Cotton Growers gin here, believes that three more months will see the ginning season here at virtual end. It can be accomplished, Mr. Shelton pointed out, provided the favorable weather continues.

Mr. Harrell is in his second season as manager of the gin here. Mr. Shelton has been with the organization since 1927.

The Cotton Growers company is a co-operative organization designed to help the farmer in his ginning problems. "As soon as these plants are paid for," Mr. Shelton pointed out, "our patrons will get back refunds in ginning. Patronage of these gins, successfully operated over the state, is an investment."

BRUCE BARTON

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Early in his boyhood Jesus, as the eldest son, went into the family carpenter shop. The practise of carpentry was no easy business in those simpler days. Doubtless the man who took a contract for a house assumed responsibilities for digging into the rough hillside for its foundations; for felling trees in the forest, and shaping them with an adze.

In after years those who listened to the talk of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee, and heard him speak of the "man who built his house upon a rock" had no doubt that he knew what he was talking about. Some of them

had seen him bending his strong clean shoulders to deliver heavy blows.

So he "waxed strong" as the narrative tells us—a phrase which has rather been buried under the too-frequent repetition of "the meek and lowly" and "the lamb."

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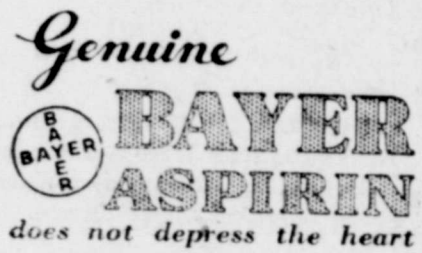
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FIRST LOWIES

by FELIX RIESENBERG

FIFTEENTH INSTALLMENT.

"I kept after Gilbert for years to tell you he was your father. He kept putting it off, kept stalling, torturing himself. At heart, John, he was sound, but impractical. I don't seem to startle you with this news."

"Judge, I've been aware of it for some time," John turned. He was crying. He dashed away the tears. "I enjoyed going around with my dad. But—well, I said something once I would have given my right hand to recall. I knew the thing was working out. Now it's too late."

"Of course you have rights, in the estate."

"I have not thought of rights, Judge."

"But you haven't a leg to stand on, John. Gilbert never changed his will. I'm one of the trustees. There's not a scrap, not an atom of legal evidence, to support you. The best evidence you have, John, is your appearance. My good boy, you are the image of Gilbert Van Horn as a young man. The portrait in the library, the one on the east wall, is you. But you have nothing tangible to support your claim."

"Claim?" John considered a while. "That's a new one on me. I'm not claiming anything. Great God, sir, I'm down for enough as it is. The fact that he will never be here again is all the trouble I can stand. What a hero—" John stood and looked through the window; the park was blurred before his eyes.

"The estate's left to Josephine."

"Well, I'll marry it then." John looked at Judge Kelly, a smile flickering on his face.

"She's difficult, John, I'd have been better pleased if the thing had been divided."

"Forget that, Judge. I appreciate your feeling. Who else knows about this—this—relationship?"

"Not a soul, so far as I know. Malone has a theory—only Harboard might know. Gilbert confided in me, as his father did. God, what a city! The old name, the old tradition, gone."

"Come, Judge, you take things too seriously. I'll change my name, me day, perhaps."

"Then you won't do anything?"

"What can I do?"

"Marry Josephine, John, and we'll tell her afterward."

As Judge Marvin Kelly rode down town he shook his head, his head frosted with wisdom and filled with doubt. What a mixture life is!

John slept fitfully that night. The next day he would insist on seeing Josephine, he was eager for her. Three days had passed since her return. The papers were still full of the disaster. Perhaps she was foolish enough to want to look her best when meeting him. Women are queer. He slept dreaming of his father, a poignant clutching at his heart. He dreamed of the sinking ship, of Van Horn, a hero, a hero, and of Josephine. They would often talk about his dad in after years.

John stepped out of his shower. Breakfast had been sent up. Then the mail came. He would be at the shaft at nine, the privilege of easier times, and of his step.

"A letter, Mr. Breen. Special, registered." He signed the receipt. It was a heavy envelope. John laughed, he was feeling better, something from Josephine. He was awkward; he tore the thing open, a heavy nub fell out wrapped in tissue paper. He opened the little packet—it was the engagement ring—Josephine's ring! John gasped. In his hand was a sheet of her blue note paper.

Dear John,
I am marrying Gerrit Rantoul. I owe my life to him. Don't blame me, John. It is best for us both now that poor dear, brave Gilbert is gone. Forgive me.
Josephine.

Years of slavish toil followed for John. He sunk himself in his work. Occasionally he heard of Josephine and Rantoul, married and in the vortex of young and gay America just before the war.

Finally the aqueduct was finished. Talking it over with Harboard and Pug Malone one night Judge Kelly went to a littered desk. He searched for a moment, then found a card. "My friend, Almon Strauss, has started something interesting. The Bureau of City Plan. An engineer named Colfax is in charge. I think there's a place for

John if I say the word. A place for an enthusiast endowed with a modicum of brains. My sad past, gentlemen, leads me to the belief that the wiser a man is the less enthusiastic he gets. Solomon was an utter pessimist.

"Enthusiasm starts wars, and wisdom ends them." Harboard had lit his pipe, Malone, also smoking, thought deeply. "John Breen was thrown into this city with nothing but enthusiasm; he may find wisdom, and perhaps some happiness, within its walls."

For a year he had been at work with Colfax, as assistant engineer of the Bureau of City Plan. The city unfolded him, enthralled him. He seemed to be playing with a set of magic blocks, scheming, planning, and soon they would build.

One day, John had checked over reports of a field survey accounting for many acres of land safely under water and purchased by a commission spending other people's money. Colfax smoked interminably, cigar after cigar, his teeth champing at the rolls of weed, tossing the butts when burned to the middle.

"Do you sense this thing?" he asked waving his hand in a general sweep. "I mean the thing that has us all—this lighting of a brand?" John hesitated in his reply. Colfax seemed unnerved, the night was insufferably hot and he, too, came to the office with the din of war added to another clamor coming to a surge within him. Colfax, thin but of fiery energy, seemed to radiate a restless, gnawing sorrow.

"What I have said about the city bears out the rottenness abroad. Everything is wrong. It will drag us back in the wash of war. The reformers will fail, the people will fail, and the grab and gouge and hell of blood and hate will swing around the world, killing everything we do. This stuff," and Colfax brought his fist down with a bang on bundles of reports, "this might as well be burned, for the good it will do while I am here, or you too."

"I have worked years, given all that is in me, to set a standard. I seek a city to set up as an ideal habitation of men. You know by theories about the heating and feeding and sanitation of groups, you know the Colfax formula for the regeneration of waste material, and the return of nitrogen to the soil in an endless cycle. We must strive, Mr. Breen, to the time when the terrible waste will be overcome and men may live for something other than their appetites and greed. When plenty will be common and the poor will only be the poor in spirit, or in mind. You know this, you have seen the plans and the fitting of them to meet the transition from industrial truce to industrial peace and freedom."

Colfax suddenly stood upright and walked to the window looking out over dark roof tops. A strange feeling of prediction filled the small, white painted office. John had stepped to the window beside his chief and also looked out, as if seeking an answer.

"I have become convinced that my work is done," Colfax continued without looking at John. "It is no use continuing, at least for me, I have written Almon Strauss, a great man, Mr. Breen, not afraid to remain in Paris. For the next month I will set things to rights, turn over the records, and you can go on, or not, as you see fit."

"But—" John stammered. It seemed so unnatural.

"It is better so—"

It was dark when the two men left the Bureau. Colfax, who roomed alone, north of Fourteen Street, in shabby fashion, turned on his heel at the corner. "Good-night, Breen—John." He half hesitated and then did an unusual thing. "Here, shake." He wrung the hand of the younger man with a strong cold grip—"Good-night—"

John Breen got home late that night. The ride uptown in the subway had been sticky, tiresome. Bits of paper and dust and dirt cluttered the trains. He felt tired, discouraged. The business of the Bureau, being financed by the mysterious Almon Strauss, a man he had never seen, appeared futile, worthless, impossible.

Then he was only half asleep. A deep rumble tumble and heavy crash of sound roared up the river. What had happened? After a while it was silent. Apparently some colossal explosion. He waited and went to sleep. Black Tom, freighted with T.N.T.

had gone off and the lower sections of the city were in disorder, glass littering the streets. The crimson aurora of the fiery detonation had, for a few minutes, lit up the quaking town. Blackness descended on Wall Street and Broadway. Offices were deserted. Only on Park Row was there action; men scurrying for news and the clang of patrol wagons and ambulances rushing special officers and doctors to the streets. But the larger part of the prostrate city was asleep.

A smaller detonation took place north of Fourteenth Street. Still trembling with the shock of the explosion, a beaten man placed a pistol at his temple and pulled the trigger. Colfax, Director of the Bureau of City Plan, crashed over on the crest of noise. He thought the city had been blown up by the Huns.

The morning papers quite forgot the suicide.

"Colfax is dead." John Breen phoned Judge Kelly.


"Too bad, John. Too bad. Better go up and look over his papers. He has no relatives."

That day John gathered the few belongings of the strange man. He lived alone. His name had been changed, by due process of law. Thumbing his nose at fact, he, who was Valmirir Kahlfuss, became Victor Colfax. It explained much to John. The man had been swamped by his own sincerity, a victim of the times; of all time.

As John rode home in the subway that night, in the crush, he saw everything on end. Car after car, crowded to suffocation, slipped by him, the uplifted hands of passengers seemed a symbol of the complete surrender of the masses, white impotent hands held up, thousands of hands, white hands. (Continued Next Week.)

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"About four weeks ago I started using CRAZY CRYSTALS, and now I am perfectly easy, and free from pain. The swelling in my feet and ankles has almost entirely disappeared. I would like suffering people everywhere to know about CRAZY CRYSTALS.

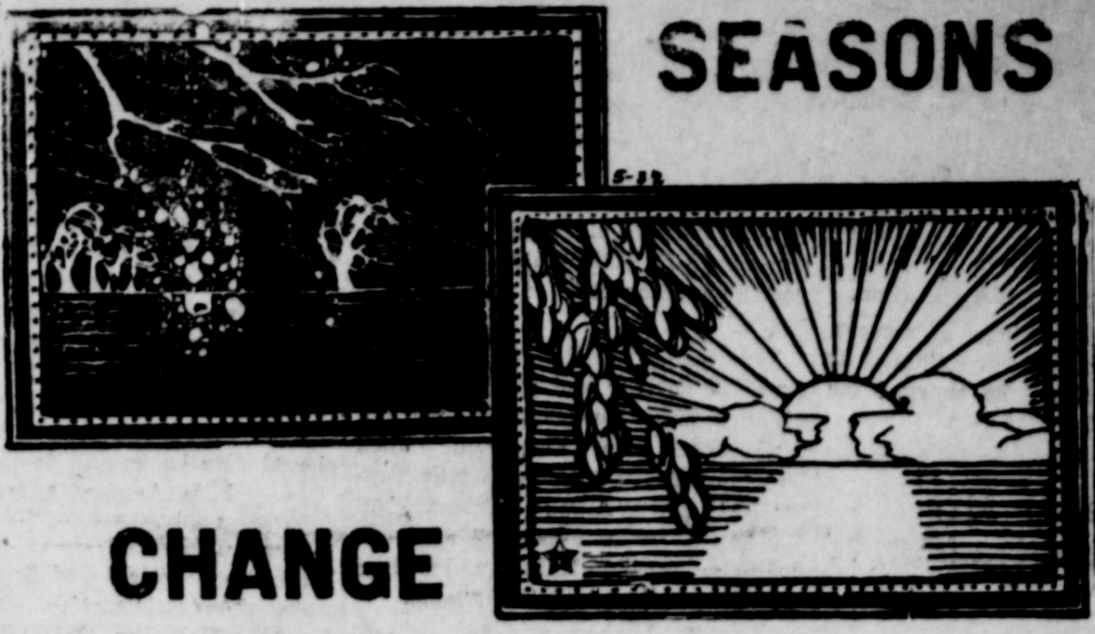
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As truly as summer follows the winter, so do good times follow those not so good . . . and the citizens who will first bask in the sunshine of better times are those who throw off the cold and depressing thoughts of doubt and go cheerfully about the task of adapting their affairs to the new order of business. This bank is proceeding on that platform and is in position to assist citizens who have the confidence to go ahead.


Consult our officers concerning your plans

C. M. Largent, Pres.
J. S. Swann, v-pres. W. L. Diltz, Cashier.
David Hendricks, v-pres. Herbert Patterson, Ass't. cash.

FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL

Capital \$40,000.00
Paid-in Surplus \$10,000.00

We extend heartiest congratulations to the Bullock Hardware Company upon the occasion of the opening of their new store in Merkel next Saturday, October 22.



"Business Follows the Light--"

You have seen this business axiom materialized in actual practice time after time, for business DOES "follow the light."

National chain stores have capitalized on the natural tendency of people to trade in brilliantly lighted stores—and their phenomenal growth during the past decade is concrete proof as to the soundness of their merchandising practices.

Is your store adequately lighted? Are you making the fullest possible use of this most inexpensive advertising medium? You'll find that adequate lighting will pay large dividends. . . . will hurry the arrival of your approaching prosperity. INVESTIGATE TODAY!

Do you know that your increased use of Electric Service is billed on a surprisingly low rate schedule . . . and adds only a small amount to your total bill?

West Texas Utilities Company

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Death Claims Mrs. Jhule Reading, 78

In failing health for sometime, but not confined to her bed until the last few days of her life, Mrs. Jhule Reading, aunt of R. O. and I. N. Anderson of this city, died at 6:40 Wednesday morning at her home in Abilene at the ripe age of 78.

Born in California in 1855, she moved to Tennessee as a child. Later when her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jack T. Anderson, moved to Texas, she joined them in Callahan county and in 1881 they moved to Abilene. She was a school teacher in the early days of that city and in 1884 she married H. A. Redding, for more than 40 years local agent for the T. & P. railway, who died in 1916.

20,000 Bale Crop

(Continued from Page One.)
most economical in this sector's history. Seasonable weather combined with the increased efficiency of the grower made this possible, the banker said. The grower went to work in anticipation of five-cent cotton. The increase in the market was good fortune.

CAUSE OF ELATION.
"Compared with last year," Mr. Warren said, "we have cause for elation."

While the bankers are conservative in discussions of conditions in this territory, there are others here who are optimistic enough to see nine cent cotton by the first of the year.

Improved conditions in the capitalistic centers, the sources from which Merkel receives its money for cotton, are contributing to the feeling of "better times" here.

Investment bankers say better conditions are reflected in the fact that interest rates are being reduced because of the abundance of idle funds. There is a live demand for short-term and middle-term government securities. The last offering of the U. S. treasury was oversubscribed 18 times.

DEPOSITS INCREASE.
For the first time since 1930 New York banks registered an increase in deposits, a total of \$325,000,000.

The announcement of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation that it would advance funds to aid agriculture by financing exports of surplus farm crops may well be received as helpful here.

The corporation intends to advance funds to finance sale of wheat and cotton to the Orient. About \$8,000,000 will be required.

Increasing consumption of cotton is being registered. This September the census bureau at Washington announced that 491,655 bales of lint and 61,306 of linters was consumed as compared with 402,601 of lint and 47,620 of linters in August. These figures average 50,000 more bales than the corresponding figures of 1931.

CRUDE ADVANCE.
The advance of crude prices will be felt here, according to local bankers. A top price of \$1.10 per barrel is effective in Central Texas now.

Merkel is expecting assistance from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in the form of unemployment relief. Texas has applied for an advance of \$1,500,000. Merkel is one of the West Texas cities which has asked for its share of the appropriation.

BOTH PAPERS FOR \$4.50.
Bargain days are here again. The Mail can now offer special clubbing proposition of \$4.50 for the Abilene Morning News, and the Merkel Mail for one year. Renew through this office and save money.

Glasses, jewelry, spectacle repairing. Eyes examined, glasses fitted. Price reasonable. Satisfaction guaranteed. Registered optometrist and jeweler, now located at Hamm Drug, Merkel.

Nearly 6,000 diamonds have been found in the Arkansas fields.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

Impressions

(Continued from Page One.)
The youthfulness and quiet air of Mrs. Bragg, a grandmother and for 30 years a clerk and business woman here.

Olin Lusby in his West Texas Utility Company office telling what a good town Merkel is to live in.

Discovering Sterling Shepard's interest in writing and journalism and an opportunity to boast that we had interviewed Jim Ferguson, Jack Dempsey, Patricia Dean, Estelle Taylor, Ruth Elder, Amelia Earhart, Paul Whiteman, John Phillip Sousa, Al Jennings, Marshal Ratliff and George Hassell, who had killed 13 people.

Mrs. Sheppard's sympathy for the tenant farmer.

That Raymond Neal has histrionic ability.

The bouyancy of Eli Case's walk and his aggressive air of getting things done.

The rapidity of Yates Brown in writing his advertisement.

The speedy way Allen McGehee goes about his work.

Mrs. Mary McDonald seeing to it that the wholesale house representative promised her the best apples and onions.

The way Joe Barron smokes a cigar, his easy-to-get-acquainted way and his interest in National Super Treads.

The gallantry of President C. M. Largent of the Farmers State Bank and the flattering inquiry he made for the bank's book-keeping sector.

The picturesque, cattle-country hat that City Marshal Perry Dickinson wears.

The judge-like air of George White and the fact that his name is the same as the famous producer of New York Broadway musical comedies.

The enthusiasm of F. C. Hughes of



SECOND ANNIVERSARY

This month marks our second anniversary in Merkel. For two years we have been helping people to look their best. May we express here our gratitude and appreciation to our friends and patrons who have made this anniversary possible. It is our sincere aim to repay you with our utmost skill and effort.

Fresh, Clean Clothes Make You Look Best

You'll be pleased with both our service and prices. Call for delivery service today.

BLAKE'S DRY CLEANERS

G. W. Blake, Prop.
Telephone 68
Opposite Merkel Mail

Hughes Motor Company in comparing the Merkel territory with the Clovis section in New Mexico. Merkel has plenty of reason to be satisfied as he describes it.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to thank our many kind and unselfish neighbors who gathered at our place and picked our cotton crop, after the unfortunate accident that caused me to break my hip. We also wish to thank the generous ginners, who ginned our cotton for us free of charge. These kind acts will be long remembered and we hope at some future date to reciprocate, should fate be unkind to them.

J. L. Ashford and Family.

Eyes examined, glasses fitted. See better, look better, feel better. Price reasonable. Satisfaction guaranteed. Dr. John E. Sisson, Optometrist, located at Hamm Drug, Merkel.

The tax collector never visits the Sicily Isles, near Land's End.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Bullock Hardware Co. Announces Opening on Saturday, October 22

With a complete and up-to-date line of hardware and farm implements, featuring the John Deere line, the Pullock Hardware company will formally open for business in the old Crown Hardware building next Saturday, October 22.

W. H. Bullock, the owner, is also proprietor of a hardware store by the same name in Albany. Several years ago, however, he was connected with the Anchor Mercantile company here and, hence, is no stranger to Merkel folks. He expects to be here personally for the opening of the Merkel store which will be in charge of J. H. Cook, formerly of Caddo, and Tye Sublett, for many years one of the owners of the Liberty Hardware company here. Both of these men, thoroughly experienced in the hardware business themselves, will be assisted by Mrs. Cook in the sales department of the store.

Attend Funeral of Uncle at Whitewright

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Miss Johnnie Sears went to Whitewright Tuesday to attend the funeral of their uncle, Tom Sears, who passed away at 6:30 Tuesday morning. The funeral services were held at Whitewright at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Sears was a brother of the late John Sears, an uncle of the other Sears family here. He owned considerable farm property in this section and was a frequent visitor to Merkel. Besides his wife, two daughters, Misses Martha Joe and Madge, and one son, Thomas Emerson, Jr., he is survived by four sisters and one brother.



Not Luxuries But Necessities

More appliances, space heaters, circulating heaters, ranges, water heaters, are being sold this year. Times are not so hard that people are unable to buy high class merchandise that provides their homes with necessary comforts.

We do not sell luxuries. Everything we offer is essential to the comfort of the home. They are necessities.

Inquire of our Merkel representative. He will tell you the best way to heat your home and explain the appliances that will afford your wife the leisure she deserves.

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Dallas News, Dallas, Texas. Campaign 1932. Herewith my remittance, \$5.75 in full payment for subscription to The Dallas News one whole year by mail, daily and Sunday.

Name P. O. R. F. D. State Foregoing rate good for subscriptions only in the States of Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico and Arkansas.

It's here! - the new Goodrich Silvertown safest tire ever built

Table listing tire prices: \$7.85 for 4.40 or 4.50-21, 4.75-19 \$8.55, 5.00-19 \$9.15, 5.00-20 \$9.40, 5.25-18 \$10.30, 5.50-18 \$11.50, 5.50-19 \$12.00.

WE WANT to show you the sensational new Safety Silvertown you've been reading about. Three years in development, this is the greatest tire we ever saw - the safest tire ever built!

15% thicker non-skid tread... More grip on the road... Greater protection against blow-outs... Silent speed - less nerve-fatigue...

Yet look at the prices. Come in - let us prove to you that this tire is all we claim for it.

Cavalier world's greatest tire bargain

A genuine Goodrich tire. Goodrich Full-Floating cord construction. Yet dollars under what you'd expect to pay.

Table listing Cavalier tire prices: 4.50-20 \$5.99, 4.50-21 \$6.10, 4.75-19 \$6.97, 5.00-19 \$7.38, 5.00-20 \$7.48.



Commander lowest prices in Goodrich History

Table listing Commander tire prices: \$4.39 for 4.40 or 4.50-21.

Here's an outstanding value - the guaranteed Commander. Made by Goodrich. 4.50-20 \$4.49, 4.75-19 \$5.27, 5.00-19 \$5.55, 5.25-21 \$6.85.



HUGHES MOTOR CO.

Chevrolet Sales and Service

Phone 123

Merkel, Texas

MERKEL TERRITORY BETTER THAN NEW MEXICO, REPORTS F. C. HUGHES

In comparing the Merkel country and the Clovis, N. M. area, Merkel has all the advantages.

So F. C. Hughes, head of the Hughes Motor company here, finds. Mr. Hughes has just returned from a business trip to his ranching interests in Clovis.

"Aside from the irrigated sections, New Mexico has suffered from drought this year," Mr. Hughes said. "How kind the season has been to Merkel may be seen after a visit out there."

Mr. Hughes' trip, 1,200 miles, was made in a Chevrolet. "I made that trip without a change of oil," the automobile dealer declared. "It still is almost as high as when I started and

just proves the economy of Chevrolet operation."

The personnel of Mr. Hughes' organization includes George White, salesman and parts man. M. A. Dunn is the shop foreman. Bill Moore is a mechanic.

An important addition is being made to the business this week. He is offering to automobile owners here the famous Goodrich Tire. "I am very glad to be able to offer this additional service to people here. I feel that they have long wanted it."

National Batteries is another sales feature of the Hughes Motor company which has the local franchise for the Chevrolet.

Maddox Outlines Ten Year Boy Scout Plan

The ten year Boy Scout program was outlined at a meeting here Monday night by Commissioner Dr. R. A. Maddox of Abilene, who was accompanied by President T. E. Hayden, also of Abilene, and Scout Executive Ed Shumway. It is part of this plan to reach every boy 12 years of age or over.

The visiting leaders in Boy Scout activity also gave an account of the recent regional meeting at Mineral Wells.

Besides S. D. Gamble, local chairman of Boy Scout work, others present at the meeting here were: Dee Grimes, court of honor chairman, Herbert Patterson, scoutmaster, and L. B. Reeves.

Community Natural Gas Representative Urges Fuel Economy

Now here is a paradox: Raymond Neal, the representative of the Community Natural Gas company here, urges economy in the use of gas.

It is "satisfied customers" that the Community Natural Gas company desires and that explains Mr. Neal's paradoxical urging of economy.

"Now that cooler weather is here and with people needing more warmth there can be some carelessness in the use of fuel," Mr. Neal said. "We want our customers to get the full benefit of gas fuel. It is the most economical fuel when used with care. Open doors and poorly adjusted stoves cause wasteful use of fuel. It is my job here to adjust stoves and I will be eager to give them my attention when called."

Neal is a newcomer to Merkel. He came here 6 months ago from Sweetwater. He attended school at Texas A. & M.

Mother of Mrs. R. E. Cole Passes Away

Mrs. E. E. Williams, age 82, mother of Mrs. R. E. Cole of this city, passed away at Wills Point on Friday night of last week and funeral services were held at Haskell at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, where the beloved woman was laid to rest beside her husband who died many years ago.

Mrs. Cole and her two daughters, Misses Lillian and Lucille, and son, R. E., Jr., attended the funeral service at Haskell.

Just a few weeks ago, Mrs. Cole and other children visited their mother, who was then considered in very serious condition.

Besides the daughter here, Mrs. Williams is survived by four sons and three daughters.

"The Ghost Parade" To Be Staged for Firemen's Fund

The first royalty play to be staged in Merkel several years by local talent, "The Ghost Parade," is booked for presentation at the Cozy theatre on Friday night, October 28, with the proceeds to go to the Merkel Volunteer Fire department.

"The Ghost Parade," a mystery farce in three acts, abounding in thrills and chills, is produced by special arrangement with the Dramatic Publishing company of Chicago, with J. Parker Sharp as manager and Mrs. J. Olin Lusby as director.

The cast embracing several of those who have appeared in recent home talent shows, includes Tom Allday, Parker Sharp, J. D. Ashby, Johnny Terry, Wren Durham, Warren Smith, Miss Estelle Terry, Miss Vera Ritchie, Mrs. L. C. Zehnpenning, Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning, Raymond Neal, Miss Mary Collins, Miss Nelle Durham, Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Miss Lou Largent and Miss Maurine Tip-ton.

With music by Miss Iris Garrett and her orchestra, there will be entertaining specialties by Betty Lou Grimes and others. Admission will be children 20 cents and adults 30 cents.

Turnidges Operate Different Store For Abilene Area

A store that serves a different need is the Army Store in Abilene. It is run by W. A. Turnidge, for ten years in Abilene. He is assisted by his son Howard Turnidge.

The store appeals to both sportsmen and sportswomen. Riding habits are a particular feature.

Besides the business of the establishment, the Turnidges have found time to engage in a hobby—collecting. The store is decorated with a collection of deer's heads. There are some old guns, a Civil War musket, a buffalo rifle and a single action revolver said to be the weapon of that notorious Round Rock outlaw, Sam Bass.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to be in the Merkel area," Mr. Turnidge said. "We are serving all of West Texas. Many tourists visit our place and we keep a full line of camping equipment to supply their needs."

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

TWELVE TWO YEAR old monthly roses, best grown in Texas, \$1.80; cash with order; money back if not satisfied. Beng's Nursery, Arlington, Texas, "where you get what you buy."

FIRST CLASS SINCLAIR Kerosene, 7 cents delivered. J. D. Porter, Agent, Sinclair Refining Co. Phone 288.

DOZEN FLOWERING SHRUBS, worth \$4.50, only \$1.80; cash with order. Beng's Nursery, Arlington, Texas, "where you get what you buy."

FOR SALE—A few good used implements, planters, cultivators, disc plows, harrows, grain drill, etc. DEPRESSION PRICES for immediate sale. Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

FOR SALE—Ten choice O. I. C. pigs, 8 weeks old at \$2.00 each. Howard Garner, Merkel, Route 1.

WILL HAVE FIVE or six good used cars in Merkel Saturday for sale or trade. See us if you want a bargain. Connie Lepard. Burl Scott.

"All American," Latest Film Football Classic, At Paramount Sunday

"All American," the season's latest football classic and hailed as greater than "The Spirit of Notre Dame," will be the attraction extraordinary at the Paramount theatre in Abilene on Sunday and Monday.

This tremendously interesting picture presents more than a score of famous football stars in hard fought games on the gridiron, including the 1931 All American team, but it also tells a swift moving love story which is filled with dramatic incidents and novel situations. Among the football heroes seen in action are Red Cagle, Army; Ernie Nevers, Stanford; Albie Booth, Yale; Marcy Swartz, Notre Dame; Jerry Dalrymple, Tulane; Gaius Shaver, Southern California; Frank Carideo, Notre Dame and many others whose names are household words.

The acting cast of "All American" is headed by Richard Arlen, and also includes Andy Devine, Gloria Stuart, Preston Foster, John Darrow, June Clyde and James Gleason. Whether you are a football or contract fan you can't afford to miss seeing this thrilling attraction.

In further keeping with the presentation of outstanding attractions for the amusement lovers of the Southwest the Paramount in Abilene announces an early showing of Frank Buck's sensational wild animal thriller, "Bring 'Em Back Alive," for an early showing on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28 and 29. Unusual interest should be evidenced in this attraction as Frank Buck is a native of San Angelo.

THE ARMY STORE AT ABILENE

APPRECIATES YOUR TRADE

We are trying at all times to keep our prices right and give you first class merchandise.

Special on Winchester-Ka-Bar-Universal Pocket Knives 300 High Grade Standard Brand Pocket Knives all sizes and styles.

For a limited time only we will give you 40 per cent off regular retail price, making a \$1.00 Knife only cost you 60c and \$1.50 Knife only \$1.00. All guaranteed

GUNS AND AMMUNITION

We are always trading in Pistols, Shotguns, Rifles, if you have a gun to trade for another gun or want to trade for any merchandise, come in lets talk trade.

SPECIALS

1-22 Pump Remington, Short, Long or L. R.	\$6.00
1-22 Automatic, Remington	\$7.50
1-22 Winchester Automatic	\$8.50
Will have in about November 1st. shipment of 22 Remington Single Shot Rifles to sell at	\$3.95
1-12 Gauge Savage Full Choke 30 in. barrel Shotgun	\$12.50
1-38 S & W Special almost new	\$17.50
1-38 Colts Special almost new	\$15.00

WATCHES

7 Jewel Elgin Watches	\$4.50 down to \$3.50
15 and 17 Jewel Elgin Watches	\$7.50 down to \$5.00
1-7 Jewel Elgin Wrist Watch	\$7.50
Several good Swiss Wrist Watches	\$3.75

We guarantee our Watches to be in running order

TENTS, PAULINS, WAGON COVERS, ETC.

Our store is headquarters for the Best Tents, Wagon Covers, Paulins. You will always find our prices right and usually cheaper. We also carry a good assortment of Heavy Wide Duck.

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12 Gauge Expert Trap Load No. 7 1/2 Shot Special	75c
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Let us show you our line of Hood Hip Boots. They are now making a light boot, fits snugly, and will not tire you out carrying them.

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THE ARMY STORE

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PERSONALS

Miss Arline Willett of Hamlin is the guest of Miss Lola Shelton.

Oliver Webb of Clyde visited in the L. Grayson home her Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. E. Q. Warren of Knox City spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. H. C. Williams.

Mrs. H. C. Williams and her daughter, Mrs. E. Q. Warren, visited with friends in Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Faust of Comfort were guests over the weekend of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

Mrs. J. M. Sedberry and Mrs. Maimie Joyner of Waco were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes went to Stanton last Friday to look after his farm interests, returning Sunday morning.

Miss Ola Cook, together with her nephew, Robert Edward Cook of Caddo, accompanied Mr. E. T. Buchanan of Caddo on a trip to the Carlsbad Caverns.

Mrs. Jack Pannell and children, Paul, Effiebell, Vedalee, Guyn and Han Moody, visited Mrs. Pannell's sister, Mrs. Frank Demere, at Blair Sunday. They also visited Mrs. Dolf Coats.

Mrs. B. M. Black has been in Lubbock visiting her grandchildren, Mrs. Lindsey and Mrs. Arnhart and the Dresser boys, also Mrs. Howell at Roscoe and Mrs. Martin at Sweetwater.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

After a fine of \$25.00 had been assessed against him in city court Tuesday morning for hauling and dumping cotton burrs in alleged violation of a city ordinance, recently passed, Manie Barnes, driver for the Hamm gin, filed an appeal to the county court.

About noon on Thursday of last week, C. E. Jacobs, local cattleman and member of the city council, had the misfortune to get the end of one of his fingers cut off while he was hitching a farm wagon to his car. The end of the tongue caught his finger in the hitch and cut it off.

Mrs. Ennis Reidenbach, who submitted to major surgery at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium in Abilene on Monday of last week, was sufficiently recuperated to be able to be moved home this week.

Paul Ash was showing this week the head of a 38 lb. blue cat, which is one of three weighing a total of 96 pounds, that he landed in the clear fork of the Brazos north of Albany.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—South half of two story brick building on Kent street, also two furnished rooms at my residence. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

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We will finance your auto or refinance your present loan at liberal amounts, lowest rates and quickest service in West Texas.

John G. Moore
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MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE for elderly people, ages up to 85; maximum \$2,500. Write Postoffice box 764, Abilene, Texas.

CITY FURNITURE COMPANY has tents and wagon covers; all kinds of stoves for less; also 4-room house for rent; would furnish to right party. Joe Garland.

LET ME GIVE YOU PRICES on Asphalt and Composition roofing. W. R. Campbell.

WANTED TO BUY—120 feet of good second hand 3/4 inch galvanized pipe. Booth Warren.

DECORATING, PAINTING, paper hanging, tinting, stippling, graining and furniture decorating. Hugh G. Johnson at Rodden Studio. Box 456, Merkel, Texas.

Examinations For Stationary Fireman

The United States civil service commission has announced that until November 1 it will accept applications for positions of stationary fireman (high-pressure plant) and stationary fireman (low-pressure plant) to fill vacancies under the Office of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital, Washington, D. C.

Full information may be obtained from the secretary of the United States civil service board of examination at the post office in this city.

DR. J. P. HOWARD

Chiropractor and Masseuse announces the removal of his office to residence, 610 Locust street, Merkel, Texas.

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

FOR SALE—Following prices for immediate sale only—subject to change after Nov. 10th, 1932

- 1 iron gray horse mule, 8 yrs. old, 17 hands, 1300 lbs. \$85.00
- 1 brown horse mule, 9 yrs. old, 17 hands, 1200 lbs. \$65.00
- 1 bay horse mule, 9 yrs. old, 15 hands, 1100 lbs. \$60.00
- 1 brown horse mule, 8 yrs. old, 14 1-2 hands, 1000 lbs. \$50.00
- 1 dunn mare mule, 9 yrs. old, 14 1-2 hands, 1000 lbs. \$45.00
- 1 bay horse, sm, 15 1-2 hands, 1000 lbs. \$30.00
- 1 span brown mare mules, 8 yrs. old, 15 hands—span \$135.00
- 1 span brown horse mules, 10 yrs. old, 15 1-2 hands—span \$125.00
- 1 dunn mare mule, 9 yrs. old, 15 1-2 hands, 1050 lbs. \$50.00
- 1 brown mare mule, 9 yrs. old, 15 1-2 hands, 1000 lbs. \$45.00
- 1 brown mare, sm., 14 1-2 hands, 1000 lbs. \$25.00
- 1 black horse, sm., 14 1-2 hands, 1000 lbs. \$25.00
- 1 black horse, 9 yrs. old, 14 hands, 850 lbs. \$15.00

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dozens of football stars in this great drama—stars like Frank Carideo, Albie Booth, Ernie Nevers, Chris Cagle, Marcy Swartz, Ernie Packer and the entire 1931

ALL AMERICA FOOTBALL TEAM

with **RICHARD ARLEN**

Andy Devine, James Gleason, Gloria Stuart, June Clyde, Preston Foster, John Darrow.

A UNIVERSAL PICTURE

BANKS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of September, 1932, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 21st day of October, 1932.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$100,058.36
Loans secured by real estate	12,136.39
Overdrafts	231.18
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	11,250.00
Banking House	15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Real Estate owned, other than banking house	2,400.00
Cash in bank	11,548.38
Due from approved reserve agents	2,417.74
Other Resources	5,701.23
Live Stock Account	1,399.00
Bills of Exchange, cotton	4,738.18
Total	\$174,580.46

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	567.71
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	81,623.14
Time Certificates of Deposit	4,173.32
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	289.10
Bills Payable	37,927.19
Total	\$174,580.46

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:

We, C. M. Largent, as President and Herbert Patterson, as assistant cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

C. M. LARGENT, President.
HERBERT PATTERSON, Asst. Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of October, A. D. 1932.

ADDIE HOLLER,
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL)

CORRECT—ATTEST:
DAVID HENDRICKS,
J. S. SWANN,
W. L. DILTZ,
Directors.

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Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Junior Rutherford, who visited his grandmother a few days last week, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Sam Jones was the dinner guest of her daughter, Mrs. Nelson Bright, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds had in their home a while last Saturday evening their son, Rev. John Reynolds, and family of Putnam. They were on their way to Sweetwater to visit with relatives there. Brother Reynolds also preached there Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shouse and family of Merkel visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse, of this place last Sunday.

We have quite a few new people in our community now and we take this method of giving them a special invitation to our churches here. The Christian, Methodist and Baptist churches all greet you.

Jack Bowers of Abilene Hi spent last week-end at home.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson has returned from a visit with her mother at Rotan, leaving her very much improved from her recent illness.

Grandmother White, who has so long made her home with her daughters, Mrs. Dug Bishop, left last week for an extended visit with a son in Brown county.

Rev. Cecil Meadows of Abilene will fill the pulpit at the Baptist church next Sunday and Sunday night.

Rev. Jasper Massengee will preach at the Baptist church here on the 5th Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn had as their guests Sunday the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English, of Hermleigh.

Miss Marjory Adrian of A. C. C. spent the week-end with home folks. She had as her guest Miss Elizabeth McMillen and they spent part of the time at the Adrian ranch, enjoying horseback riding.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley have returned from Mission where they attended the funeral of a brother-in-law, Walter Brutsche. They were accompanied home by the little Brutsche girls, June and Joy, who will make their home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe English and two children of Lamesa were recent guests of relatives here.

METHODIST CHURCH.

We were happy to have as visitors to our church Sunday Mrs. Daniels of Vernon, Texas, who is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Poor, and Mr. and Mrs. Cotton and little son who have recently opened a dry goods store in Trent, together with a goodly number of local visitors.

We were delighted with the increased attendance at Sunday School last Sunday and extend an urgent and cordial invitation to all old and new members to be present next Sunday.

Services for the day will be: Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Junior and Senior Epworth leagues at 5:30 and 6:30 p. m.

Oklahoma Woman Dies At Trent Sunday Night

Mrs. Gus Sewer, of Guymon, Okla., died at the home of J. P. Abernathy last Sunday night at midnight. Mr. and Mrs. Sewer and a brother, Fred Sewer, were picking cotton for Mr. Abernathy. Mrs. Sewer's health had been bad for several years and her physician advised that she come south. Though neither of them had ever been in the cotton fields they decided to come south and pick cotton.

Mrs. Sewer was taken ill last Thursday with pneumonia, which with the other complication of diseases proved more than her vitality could stand. Though strangers in this section, sympathetic citizens administered kindly to them in their need. Medical aid was given by good physicians.

Mrs. Rule, of Guymon, a sister to Mrs. Sewer, and her son and daughter, arrived at 6 Monday morning and the body was prepared and shipped to Guymon for burial. Mr. Sheppard undertaker from Merkel, took the body to Sweetwater where it was placed aboard train.

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BLAIR ITEMS

Fair weather still prevails and the gins are running day and night. There have been 750 bales ginned to date.

Rev. G. W. Lowery of Abilene preached at the Baptist church Sunday and delivered interesting discourses, both morning and night.

Bryant Dulin of Rotan motored over and spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore and family spent the day one day recently with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melton.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Doan and children, H. C. and Otis Ray, visited their other children, Messrs. Preston Doan and Price Melton, and families the past week.

Mrs. Emma Gilliam of Merkel visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Bryant and Mr. and Mrs. Rex McClain the past week, also in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Patterson.

D. C. Doan and family visited his mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, Sunday. Mrs. Doan also spending the week with her daughters, Mrs. A. L. Farmer and Mrs. Mae Horton of Merkel.

Mrs. Margaret Hunter and children visited their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin, of Noodle Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer, accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Lowery and pretty daughter, enjoyed a pleasant afternoon Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Matthews and family of Nubia and other friends of that place.

Miss Dora Mae Meeks spent the week-end with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Patterson, of Castle Peak.

Sam Provine left for Clint where he will stay for several months with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Cox.

Mrs. Ed Sherman visited her sister, Mrs. Cynthia Hall, and other relatives the first of the week.

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Mrs. F. C. McFarland
J. M. COLLINS, Agent
Merkel, Texas

DORA DOINGS

The farmers are busy early and late these nice, dry, sunny days, picking cotton, heading maize and improving some of the roads which were very nearly impassable after the rains.

Ross Petree of Stanton is in this vicinity, visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Jones and picking cotton.

R. W. Porter and family and mother visited Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Porter in Merkel Sunday.

G. W. Whitaker and daughters, Novis and Modena, and Mrs. John Burlinson made a business trip to Abilene Friday.

Mrs. W. G. Oliver and sons, Ira and Wyatt, and Mrs. Ruth Jones visited Miss Pollie Oliver in Abilene Sunday. They also visited Jim Cook, who is in the Baptist sanitarium there, and found him doing nicely.

John Bates of Elm Grove has been added to the gin crew at Dora as ginner.

Mrs. Barton and daughter, Mrs. Robinson, and her husband of Roscoe were pleasant callers at the H. S. Wright home Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Barton will be remembered as the nurse that nursed Ima Joy through a long, serious illness last spring.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cook and Lewis were visiting their son, Jim, at the sanitarium in Abilene recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Pruitt and two children and Mrs. Eli Pruitt and baby spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Perry of the Divide.

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

NOODLE CLUB MEETS.
On Tuesday afternoon, October 11, at 2:30 the Noodle Home Demonstration club met at the beautiful country home of Mrs. Wylie Roundtree. The following members were present: Mesdames Will Bicknell, Clayton Goode, Will Mattingly, John Burfeind, Murdock, Allen Cade, Lyle Cade, Oscar Justice. There were also two visitors present, Mrs. Tom Mitchell and Mrs. I. Alexander. We were very glad to have these charming ladies with us and surely hope they come again.

Miss Bonner gave a demonstration of making cheese.

On our next meeting date new officers will be elected for the coming year. We hope every member will be present.

—Reporter.

Blackfoot Indians, of Montana will eat buffalo meat this winter as in the "good old times," for a hundred buffalo carcasses are being sent them from Yellowstone Park.

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WE CURE MOTOR ILLS

If that car of yours is ailing, bring it to us for diagnosis. Our equipment and experience enables us to proceed in the right way for correction.

National Super Tread Tires with our signed guarantee.

Expert Service Saves Time —Cuts Expense

Blue Front Motor Company
J. J. Barroo, Mgr.

Barron Left Farm To Mend Machines

J. J. (Joe) Barron quit the farm in Eatland county to become an automobile mechanic. That was 13 years ago. Another important thing happened about the same time Joe decided to mend automobiles instead of worry about crops and weather. He got married.

Three years ago the skilled mechanic came to Merkel and established the Blue Front Motor company. "I've been trying to give my friends real service here in this business and I guess I'm succeeding pretty well because plenty of them come back," Joe said.

One of Mr. Barron's particular prides in his business is his National Super Tread tires. "I put my signed guarantee on those tires," he explained.

Barron has worked for some of the largest automobile companies in the

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FOUR SONS AND FATHER RUN WEST COMPANY, OLDEST IN MERKEL AREA

"The Four Sons."
That was the name of one of the greatest war pictures ever filmed. Merkel's oldest business establishment—The West Company—could almost bear that name for four sons are its officers.

The West company was founded in 1889 by George F. West, a young, enterprising young business man from Dallas county. The elder West is still active here.

An idea of the West Company's many years of service to Merkel and its trade area is attested in the display there of an oxen bar. It has been in the store's stock for 35 years.

"We were founded in the oxen era and we passed through the horse and buggy era," Henry West, manager of the organization, pointed out. "It is an automobile era now and we are supplying that modern demand."

James H. (Jim) West is in charge of the automobile parts department.

The other sons in the store are John R. and Paul West.

When the West Company started the biggest selling commodity was barb wire. The biggest selling commodity recently has been canning supplies.

In the early days more guns were sold, Henry West said. More business was done in the early days on credit, he pointed out, and in the grocery department there were few "fancy goods." The modern farmer likes delicacies along with the staples.

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When you drive a car, you want to be certain that it is going to keep going every moment it is out of the garage. The Corner Garage gives particular attention to every last detail.

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THE CORNER GARAGE
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Shearer Makes Another Hit in 'Smilin' Through'

With Norma Shearer as its star, and one of the most brilliant supporting casts yet assembled for the speaking screen, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's lavish production of "Smilin' Through" will open Sunday at the Palace Theatre, Sweetwater.

Miss Shearer in the feminine lead follows in the footsteps of Jane Cowl, who achieved one of her greatest successes in the record-breaking New York stage run of the play from which the screen production was adapted. Opposite her is Fredric March, borrowed from Paramount to play the dual role of Jeremy Wayne in the mid-Victorian sequences of the story and Kenneth Wayne, his son, in the modern scenes.

Leslie Howard and O. P. Heggie, who left the screen to fulfill stage engagements on Broadway during the past season, were brought back to Hollywood to add further lustre to Miss Shearer's cast. Both these distinguished players have appeared previously with the star, Howard in "A Free Soul" and Heggie in "The Actress." The cast also includes Ralph Forbes, Beryl Mercer, David Torrence, Margaret Seddon and Forrester Harvey, under the direction of Sidney Franklin, who produced "Private Lives."

"Smilin' Through" is the story of an old man who seeks to shed the relentless bitterness of his blighted romance on a pair of young lovers. The colorful background provides a contrast between the England of 1868 and modern days.

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It takes 97 penny boxes of matches to equal the heat value of a single penny's worth of gas



Matches are one of the cheapest of household items... yet, figuring an average of 55 matches to the penny box, each match containing 2½ (b. t. u.) heat units, it would take 97 penny boxes to equal the 13,333 heat units in one cent's worth of natural gas. For one penny you can make 33 cups of coffee or cook a good dinner for three people. Gas service is REAL ECONOMY. . . .

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PRIDE TAKEN BY HAYNES IN FORDS

"The machine enables the land owner to enjoy inexpensively the comforts and conveniences of modern living conditions," according to Bill Haynes, manager of the Merkel Motor Company. "The machine and land belong together. People will never willingly forego the help which the machine gives them in their work," he said.

Mr. Haynes has been connected with the Ford agency since 1924. Following his discharge from the army after the World War he came to Merkel in 1918 and for three years engaged in farming. He was born in Jones county.

Edward McCrary is the office man at the local motor company. He has been there since 1924.

The mechanical department of the Merkel Motor Company is in charge of Walter Jackson.

Mr. Haynes takes pride in demonstrating the new Ford models. "When

you have something like this to offer the people," he said, "you can well take pride in your work."

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

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SHEPPARD RUNS BARROW STORE

A store that receives the patronage of surrounding cities.

That is the pride of A. T. Sheppard, manager of Barrow Furniture store here in Merkel.

"People wishing to furnish their homes have visited us from other towns because here they are able to get the best furnishings at smaller city prices," Mr. Sheppard said.

Mr. Sheppard has been in Merkel 15 years.

Anticipating the need of home owners and furnishers this fall, Mr. Sheppard has just received a carload of living room, bedroom and dining room furniture. Another carload is on the way.

"Furniture prices are rising, but we had our orders in before the market advance," Mr. Sheppard said. "Our patrons will receive the benefit of that order."

Mr. Sheppard is assisted in the

management of the store by Mrs. Sheppard and their son, Sterling Sheppard. The younger Sheppard has just finished journalism courses in Missouri university, recognized along with Columbia university in New York as the best schools of journalism in the United States.

5 1-2 per cent Farm and Ranch Loans. Apply now for loans maturing this fall and winter. So appraisal may be made. We like Merkel lands. W. Homer Shanks, Insurance, Lands, Room 1, Penney Bldg., Abilene.

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OCT. 22nd

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NOTE

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NEW CHEERFULNESS OF PEOPLE IS OBSERVED BY BRAGG DRY GOODS CO.

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The Bragg Dry Goods company has been here since 1917. T. G. Bragg succeeded the Woodruff Brothers. It is the oldest dry goods concern in Merkel.

Mrs. Bessie Bragg, however, has been serving buyers in this area for 30 years. Her first position was in a drug store here during a Christmas season.

Dee Grimes, the store's manager, has been with the company since 1922.

"There is evidence here of better times," Mr. Grimes said. "Where pessimism marked the visit of customers to our store last year there is optimism this year."

Mrs. Bragg feels that rock bottom of the depression has been reached and is able to cite evidence that the trend is upward.

Spinning mills are working over time now because of the demand for cotton clothing. Mrs. Bragg pointed out. "So many people have denied themselves in the last three years that they are eager to buy," she said.

Others who join the efforts of Mr. Bragg, Mr. Grimes and Mrs. Bragg to make the Bragg Dry Goods company a serving institution in Merkel are, Mary Anna Mayfield, Mrs. Cyrus Pee, Miss Nell Boswell and J. J. Russell.

Transparent glass was being made as early as the fifth century B. C.

London and Windham Run Corner Garage

They are a grateful pair of business men—R. E. Windham and Curley (Doc) London—the operators of the business establishment in Merkel known as the Corner Garage.

Mr. Windham has been selling gasoline and tires over there for a year now. It is his first business venture. "I try to do right by everyone that drives into my place and I'm proud that I have made some mighty fine friends," Mr. Windham said.

Doc London is the establishment's expert mechanic. He has been in the location three years. An artist looks at his painting and admires it. Doc looks at his finished job of making a motor car run like new and has the same inward glow of satisfaction.

Mr. Windham is assisted by his son, M. L. Windham, in the operation of the station. The younger Windham performed on the Merkel High school football team last year as an end.

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Swann Returns To Gin Work Despite Painful Injuries

Sam Swann, the ginner, has been in these parts since the moon was the size of a ten-cent piece. So he tells you in his wisecracking moments.

As a matter of fact, Sam Swann has been here only 39 years. If he isn't an Irishman, he can at least say unsmiling, laugh-provoking witticisms like one.

He has just had a tough break. Injured when the horse he was riding fell, it has placed a painful hardship upon him right in the midst of his busy season.

He is civic-minded and it is easy to see why he acquires friends. He was secretary of the local Lions club during its activity.

Mr. Swann doesn't like football. He won't turn down a good baseball game, though.

In the off season of ginning he helps operate the J. S. Swann and Son ranch north of Trent. His saddle horses are his pride.

The acorn crop is appreciated not only by small animals but by bears and deer as well.

Blake Celebrates Second Year Here

G. W. Blake worked in banks for nearly nine years, part of that time as cashier. At the same time he had two brothers, living in other sections of the state, who were engaged in the dry cleaning business. "I liked bank work but a business of my own appealed to me more," said Mr. Blake. "My brothers were doing well and I decided to try it," he said.

Mr. Blake, then living in Abilene, visited Merkel two years ago and saw a "closed" sign on a local pressing establishment. It was opportunity for him. The Blake's Dry Cleaners was the result.

Mr. Blake is assisted by his wife in the local business.

"We started our business in depressing times, but thanks to our friends, we have managed to survive," Mr. Blake said. "The support has inspired us to give the best work we can," he added.

October is a significant month to the Blakes because it marks the anniversary of their first business venture.

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The highest quality of furniture is now at unbelievable, rock-bottom price levels.

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Car load buying . . . low overhead . . . highest quality . . . lowest prices.

New furniture arriving daily.

Barrow Furniture Company Merkel, Texas

Welcome Bullock Hardware Company. May your opening, October 22, be the success that your enterprise deserves.

Free Tickets to QUEEN THEATRE

In connection with the annual fall

BARGAIN DAY RATES

The Merkel Mail

Will give free tickets to the Queen Theatre, showing the latest and best talkies, on the following basis:

With each subscription for one year or more to the Merkel Mail, or in club with the Semi-Weekly Farm News: one free ticket to the Queen Theatre, good any time.

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If you are not a subscriber to The Mail, this is a good time to "obey that impulse." Clubbing rates on application.

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Your Home Town Newspaper

THE RED & WHITE STORE

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY OCTOBER 21 AND 22

SPUDS 10 lbs. 14c

CABBAGE, fresh, firm, pound 2 1-2c

YAMS peck 15c
bushel 49c

ONIONS, fancy, yellow, pound 3c

APPLES extra fancy Jonathan, doz. 19c

ORANGES, dozen 25c

SUGAR pure cane, cloth bag, 10 lbs. 47c

CHERRIES, Red Pitted, No. 2 can, 2 for 25c
No. 10 can 49c

PINEAPPLE No. 1 can, sliced or crushed, 3 for 25c

CORN, No. 2 can, 3 for 25c

Tomatoes No. 1 can 5c

PEAS, Kuners, No. 2 can, 2 for 25c

PORK & BEANS, 3 cans 20c

TAMALES B & W 2 cans 25c

COFFEE, Sun Up, pound 21c

FLOUR 24 lbs. Perfection 39c
48 lbs. Perfection 69c

CRACKERS, 2 lbs. Salad Wafer 19c

Beans Pinto 5 pounds 19c

PICKLES, sour, quart, sliced 15c

Compound two 4 pound cartons 55c

BACON, sliced, sugar cured, lb. 17c

HAM Armours Banquet half or whole, lb. 12c

BOLOGNA, pound 10c

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The Gleaners class of the Methodist church will hold a sale of Kellogg's Products in Merkel stores Saturday.

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The New Ford V-8 is its own best salesman. It says to you—"Come take a ride in me. I won't high-pressure you with high-sounding words or exaggerated claims. I'll take you anywhere you say and let you decide how good I am."

That's the best way to decide on a car—get in it and see for yourself what it will do. Seeing is believing. Riding is deciding. Actual driving is worth more than pages of description.

Just fill out the coupon and let the New Ford V-8 tell you its own story of smooth performances and easy riding comfort. There's no obligation in signing the coupon. We're glad to let you drive the car at any time. Just fix the day and hour—day or night—and we'll be there.



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Merkel, Texas
Telephone 84

I'd like to drive the New Ford V-8. Please have a

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on (day and date) at (hour) It is understood

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MERKEL MOTOR CO.

Merkel, Texas

We extend congratulations to our newest neighbor and Merkel's latest enterprise, the Bullock Hardware Co.

THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior Class of '33—Mrs. R. B. Irvin, sponsor

The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Mildred Richardson.
 Assistant Editor—Florene Rider.
 Sports Editor—Howard Stanley.
 Society Editor—Opal Huskey.
 Joke Editor—Van Roberts.

FISH NEWS.

There are about fifty-three Fish in the pond at High school and there are so many big Fish that some of the Sophomores had to move their swimming hole to the Junior room although they want to be with the Fish who are such good company.

The Freshmen haven't organized just yet because so many pupils are out of school. But that certainly doesn't mean that we are behind. As soon as cotton-picking time is over, we will be started and doing as well as any of the other classes, and even better.

SOPHOMORES.

The Sophomores have not organized yet. We will soon and then watch our colors fly. We certainly should have a good class with our peppy teacher, Miss Patterson, and our sixty students. This year we are going to make better grades than the Sophomores did last year, and just show people that all Sophomores are not lazy.

We are represented by some of the best players on the football team. If you could have seen the game Friday, you would have seen several Sophomores helping to win that game.

SEIZ THE JUNIORS:

We have the quietest bunch of Juniors this year, says Mr. Riddle.

David is going to grease his clock before next Sunday.

Someone said Rogene was wearing bracelets in her ears.

Wasps certainly like Jack Patterson.

Mr. Riddle knows all about the younger generation.

Billy is always wanting to go home.

Johnny Hammer is generally known as Johnny Rammer.

Lois is very inquisitive.

Kennedy is known as the smart geometry student.

We're signing off. We'll see you next week about this time.

THE KLINE DUO.

Monday afternoon at one the Kline Mr. and Mrs. Kline, entertained many of the school children at the Grammar School auditorium. The admission was 10c for school children.

The program, a combination of music and readings, was enjoyed by everyone present. Mrs. Kline played several solos on different instruments and Mr. Kline gave a number of readings. The last number on the program, a short one-act comedy, was the favorite of many in the audience. The whole program was excellent.

CHAPEL.

Did you ever go to a funeral and laugh at the service? We have, Friday morning the Pep Squad held a funeral service for Blackwell with some of the Pep girls and football boys as mourners. We have a secret fear, how-

ever, that some of the mourners mourned by laughing.

P.E.P. NEWS.

The Pep Squad made their first formation this year at the Merkel-Blackwell game. The girls made the letter "M" and gave the yells "Yea team! Fight! Fight!" and "Blackwell, Rah!" After the letter "M" was made and the yells were given they formed the letters "H" and "S"—all of which taken together stand of course for our dear old "Merkel High School." When the girls had finished the formation of the letter "S" and were singing "Pep, Pep, Pep," their school song, the boys Pep Squad came on the field and formed an attractive pyramid. The girls marched through it and off the field, the boys breaking the pyramid and following.

The girls looked stunning in their suits and the formation was done in such a way it showed they had spent part time for practice.

DRAMATIC CLUB.

The members of the Dramatic club were splendidly entertained by Frances Adcock, Anna Lee Owens, Joyce Wheeler, Imogene Middleton, Howard Stanley, Meyer Mellinger, Lowell Vickers and Jim Patterson last Friday night.

As this party was a masquerade, each member had to present his invitation before he was allowed to enter the room.

One of the games that everyone especially enjoyed was "Witches' Dance," directed by Joyce Wheeler and Imogene Middleton.

Each member then introduced himself by unmasking.

The regular program consisted of the following numbers:

Reading, Nell Hughes.

Talk, Albert Cade.

Talk, Florene Rider.

Songs, "Little Blue Bird of My Heart" and "Pep, Pep, Pep," Girls' Octette.

Sketch of "Tuning In," Imogene Middleton.

Those attending then went to Grammar School auditorium to see the play which was given in a very entertaining way. We hope that Clarence will be able to get the sport news next time.

The members returned to the speech studio and were served sandwiches, cake, mints and orangeade.

The business was then given attention.

Van Roberts and James West, Jr., favored the club with a request number.

The club was glad to welcome these ex-members: B. P. Middleton, Ida Mae Derstine, Marshall Stalls and Marie Stanford.

Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Burgess and Miss Martin.

Forty-eight of the members were

present, but we wished that everyone could have been there.

SOME POETIC EFFUSIONS.

Merkel High school has turned out students who have for their professions everything from loafing to school teaching. But we've found that Merkel has taken a literary turn and most of the students are going to be poets.

At the Dramatic club last Friday night many astonishing pieces of literature were given which will last through the ages.

Miss Martin gave us an excellent verse,

I'm forty-five,
Sakes alive!

Here are some of the others:

Albert—I'm number six,
But I'd rather be picking up sticks.

Margaret Dean—I'm number twenty

And I can pick cotton plenty.

Kennedy—I'm just three,
And am I up a tree?

Lola—I'm twenty-six.
I like candy, if it's mixed.

Clarence—I'm thirty-nine
And feeling fine.

Wonder if Duncan will?
I'm twenty-seven;

All good children go to heaven.
J. B. is gaining—I'm forty

And pretty hearty.

Amen, Mildred—I'm thirty-five

And plenty alive.

Bill—I'm forty-one,
And the fun has just begun.

We are sure that Lucille's poem is correct—

I'm nineteen.
My mind's dull, not keen.

We also wonder about Florene's statement—

I'm thirty-seven,
And I'm going to heaven.

Terrell acts as if his poem is correct—

I'm number ten,
And I'm all in.

We're wondering if Imogene is worrying over a husband—

I'm forty-six,
And I'm sure in a fix.

Wonder what Ouida Mae wants?
This makes twenty-four,

And I'm ready for some more.

John says—Number nine Speech class

Is better than quinine.
We wonder where Frances wants to go?

I'm thirty-two,
Don't you want to go too?

Eloise is hard-hearted—

I'm twenty-five,
Skin 'em alive.

Jimmy—

I'm forty-two,
God bless you.

Shame on Ovada—

I'm thirteen,
And feel a little bit mean.

Hurrah for Melba—I'm sixteen,
Say, it's not keen.

TOMFOOLERY.

Mr. Riddle:"Just what is Bologna?"

Imogene: "A hamburger wearing tights."

Then there was the undertaker

who, when he put ten corpses in a truck, sighed:

"Not a coffin, a carload!"

Billy Bernice: "What's stranger than a one-armed man winding his wrist watch?"

Sarah: "Dunno, unless it's a glass eye peeping through a keyhole."

She was one of those suicide blondes—

dyed by her own hand.

Bill: "Where do all the boys go in winter?"

Jim: "Search me."

Bill: "No, thanks, I just wanted to know."

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Get some syrup pepsin today, and take a little tonight. Don't wait until you're sick to give your system this wonderful help. You can avoid those spells of biliousness or constipation. A spoonful every now and then is better than constant worry about the condition of your bowels, or fear of auto-intoxication as you grow older. Dr. Caldwell's syrup pepsin protects the system. All druggists keep this preparation.



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DARSEY-MOORE.

The marriage of Miss Olleta Moore to J. T. Darsey, Jr., was solemnized at a pretty dawn ceremony on last Sunday morning at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's uncle. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Moore, with Rev. W. G. Cypert officiating. The bride and groom were unattended and left immediately after the ceremony by automobile for Austin.

Miss Olleta Moore is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Moore. She is a graduate of Merkel high school in '32 where she reigned as class beauty. She is a very popular member of the younger set and will be greatly missed.

J. T. Darsey, Jr., is the very popular son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey, Sr., also a graduate of Merkel High school, he later attended the State University. He has for the last few years been a most efficient agent for the Abilene Reporter-News and is now employed with the Woodward Manufacturing company in Austin where the happy couple will make their home. A great many friends predict a brilliant future for them both.

SHORT-BOYD.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Boyd was the scene of a pretty home wedding on last Sunday morning when their daughter, Miss Christine Boyd, became the bride of Gaines Short at 8 o'clock. The Rev. E. L. Yeats read the ceremony. Miss Boyd's maid of honor was Miss Mary Marshall of Clyde and L. D. Boyd, Jr., attended the groom.

Miss Christine Boyd is the very lovely and talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Boyd who have made their home in Merkel for the last three years. She was a graduate of the Clyde High school before attending McMurry college, Abilene. Because of her gracious personality she has made a host of friends who regret her leaving Merkel.

Gaines Short is the splendid son of Mrs. Bessie Short of Baird. He attended the University of Texas and is now in charge of construction work for the state highway department at Panhandle where they will live.

Out-of-town guests were: Mrs. Bessie Short, Baird, mother of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Foy, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Foy of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Short, Mrs. Smith, Abilene, Mrs. Lattimer and two children, Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Snyder, Jr., Baird, Mrs. Collie Marshall, Clyde, Miss Mary Marshall, Miss Evelyn Slater, Miss Irene Hollis, Clyde, Miss Blix Pittman, Cross Plains, Miss Grace Smith, Abilene, Mr. Harry Steen, Clyde, Mr. Foy, Baird and Miss Doris Foy, Baird.

HALLOWEEN BRIDGE.

Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr., who has been a most charming honoree at so many lovely parties during the days of her engagement and since her marriage on September 17, was again complimented Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig.

A Halloween motif was given colorful emphasis in all party appointments of black and yellow and in massed cosmos as the house decoration.

Bridge games progressed around the honoree until tea time when delectable Halloween cakes and punch were served to Mesdames J. E. Boaz, Jr., Bob Mayfield, Ernest Higgins, Edward McCrary, Milton Case, Charlie Largent, Carleton Vick, George West, Elmer Lowe, Orion Tittle, Misses Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Nell Durham, Doris Durham and the hostess.

ALATHIAN CLASS.

The Alathian class met at the First Baptist church Thursday afternoon, October 13. After the class song, the president read a passage of scripture and prayer was offered by Mrs. Jones. A business session was then held and captains were appointed in the contest for the next quarter. Then the sunshine sisters were revealed and names drawn for new ones.

The class also gave a pillow case shower for the Baptist hospital at Abilene, twelve pair of pillow cases being donated. Refreshments were served then to the following members: Mesdames Brown, Jones, Baker, Hamm, McDonald, Chambless, Polley, Patterson and Chunn.

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Bargain days are here again. The Mail can now offer special clubbing proposition of \$4.50 for the Abilene Morning News and the Merkel Mail for one year. Renew through this office and save money.

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quality considered," Mr. Case declared.

Mr. Case is assisted in the management of his store by his son, Milton Case. The younger Case has observed that consumers are interested in buying foods that will make their meal service well balanced and appetizing.

"A big part of our work is in trying to get what our patrons desire," the young Mr. Case said. "Representatives of wholesale houses call on us every day and make it possible for us to meet our customers' needs immediately."

CHURCHES

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Dr. Atticus Webb of Dallas, author of the B. Y. P. U. temperance study book and nationally known leader of temperance forces, will preach at the First Baptist church Sunday at eleven o'clock. He will present the latest news on the prohibition issue in his address. Senator Morris Sheppard, speaking of Dr. Webb, says, "Dr. Webb knows no fear, shirks no task, omits no essential facts in presenting his case for humanity."

Regular services throughout the day in addition to the above special service.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Our last quarterly conference for this year was held last Tuesday evening. Rev. Murrell made complimentary statements concerning the attendance at these conferences during the year. He stated that a hundred per cent attendance was had at three of these conferences and only two absent at the last one.

Mr. Herbert Patterson was enthusiastically chosen as Sunday School superintendent for another year. Mr. D. H. Vaughn was elected lay leader and S. M. Hunter was elected chairman of the evangelistic committee. Minor changes were made in the board of stewards.

We have but three more Sundays until the close of the church year. Let us use them to advantage. Sunday morning the pastor has a special message for all, a midnight message of interest. The evening service will be a hymn service of unusual features. It can't be put on paper. You will have to "come to see."

EPWORTH HLLEAGUE.

Leader, Lucille Campbell. Songs. Scripture, by leader. Talks, Wanda Hunter, Jack Patterson.

Special. Talks, Mildred Richardson and Janet Hayes. Prayer, Miss Hayes. League benediction.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. We have classes for those of every age and, if you are not in Sunday School elsewhere, you will find a place ready and waiting for you.

There will be no preaching service Sunday as it is the pastor's day at Baird.

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

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Leader, Caribel Mansfield. Scripture reading, Matt. 7:16-20, leader. Song.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday was 705, as compared with 711 on the previous Sunday and with 697 on the same Sunday a year ago.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

Last Sunday was a good day. A crowd of us Sunday School went on a picnic last Tuesday, took our lunches and cotton sacks and gave that day's picking to our church budget. All had a good time and enjoyed it.

Sunday School next Sunday 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. A hearty invitation to all. Mrs. Orla Bolls, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

To the uninformed and the misinformed concerning the orthodoxy of our church, I am glad to open the books and let you see for yourself.

The record of our organization begins in the following words: "We, as regular Missionary Baptists." The articles of faith and church covenant in Pendleton's manual were adopted.

The windows and doors are all in our church now. I want to see how many will sit down, write me a nice letter and enclose two dollars to pay for windows.

Next Sunday night I will preach on "Tracing the church through the trail of blood." Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock Brother C. W. Rister will preach for us. Next Sunday week there will be singing and praise service all day and dinner for everybody. Preaching every Saturday night. We are happy to see someone coming in to our church every Sabbath day. We welcome everybody. Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Services regular each week as follows: Bible study 9:45 a. m. Lord's day, preaching 10:45 a. m., communion 11:45 a. m., young people's program 6:30 p. m., preaching 7:30 p. m. and ladies Bible class and preaching each Wednesday 6:30 to 8:30 p. m.

A cordial invitation is extended to all. Respectfully, The Elders.

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- Dry Salt strictly No. 1 7c
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