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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1932.

On the "Broadway of America"

BADGERS SUFFER
24-0 DEFEAT BY
STANTON ELEVEN

Local Gridsters Have Very Lit-
tle Fight Left After Riding
120 Miles in Truck; Boaz Miss-
es Field Goal by Inches.

After having ridden one hundred
and twenty miles on a truck, the Bad-
gers had very little fight left when
they arrived at Stanton last Friday;

Not once, but several times, did the
Merkel Badgers threaten the Stanton
goal line. One time Boaz tried for a
field goal and missed the uprights
only fractions of inches. The score
was Merkel 0, Stanton 24.

The game today will probably be
the hardest game of the year for the
Badgers. Snyder has a good team and
odds are for them. They won a game
last Friday 27-0 over Roscoe and Ros-
coe beat the Badgers 13-6. That gives
some comparison, but the Badgers are
determined that the Snyder Tigers
will not hold them scoreless.

The Badgers will be handicapped
by having several good men out of the
game because they are ineligible.

Armistice Day Game
Draws Many Fans

Both by rail and automobile Merkel
folks in great numbers were Fort
Worth bound Armistice Day, the oc-
casion being the Texas U. T. C. U.
tilt, which the Frogs won decisively
by the score of 14 to 0.

Among those going by car were:
in one party, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. An-
derson and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Al-
ston; Mrs. A. T. Sheppard, Miss Opal
Sloan and Sterling Sheppard in an-
other party, while with Lige Gamble
were T. G. Bragg, Booth Warren and
Dr. W. T. Sadler.

Probably not all are included in the
list who took advantage of the T. &
F. special rate, but among those going
by train were: Weston West, Car-
lton Vick, George Groene, E. Siegel,
Joe Cypert, Byron Patterson, Miss
Myrtle McDonald, Mrs. Cotton Owens,
Mrs. George Groene, Mrs. Tally Hol-
loway, Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Holloway,
Woodrow Wozencraft, Virgil Hugh-
es, Misses Mary Hutcheson, Zada Bell
and Inice Brown, Delmer Compton,
Dillard James, Earl Henry and Lad-
oit Warren.

Libby Holman Gets Freedom.
Winston Salem, N. C., Nov. 17.—
Judge A. M. Stats Tuesday granted
application of state solicitor Carlisle
Higgins for a nolle cros in the case
of Libby Holman Reynolds, former
Broadway singer, and Albert
Walker, charged with murdering
Smith Reynolds, heir to a tobacco for-
tune.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, November 15, 1912.)

The annual session of the North-
west Texas conference of the Metho-
dist church came to a close at Abi-
lene Sunday night after one of the
best meetings in history. Merkel peo-
ple as a whole rejoice that Rev. R. A.
Clements was returned to our city
by the conference. In the list of ap-
pointments for this district, Nugent
was fortunate in securing Rev. E. L.
Yeats.

The big business that has been even
beyond their optimistic expectations
has caused our local merchants to re-
visit the markets at St. Louis to buy
new orders. Jno. D. Gaither, buyer for
the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery
Co., was compelled to make a hasty
visit to the nearest market to keep
their stock until the first of the year
when it changes ownership.

W. Parten, buyer for the Parten
Dry Goods Co., has been enjoying a
much better trade than expected and
was compelled to return to the St.
Louis markets this week.

W. D. Woodroof, buyer for the
Woodroof store, left for the markets
again the latter part of last week.

Other local merchants took advan-
tage of the rates during the Fair and
placed additional orders.

All have bought heavily of Christ-
mas goods and anticipate one of the

MERKEL GINS HAVE
TURNED OUT MORE
THAN 18,000 BALES

Although the extreme cold weather
of Tuesday practically prohibited
picking and dretted pulling, when
ginnings for the week up to Wednes-
day night were totaled by The Mail
they lacked only 25 bales of reaching
the 3,000 and fell short of the week
before only a little more than 400
bales.

Total for the week, as reported from
the six gins in Merkel and those at
Stith, Blair and Noodle, was 2,975
bales, bringing the season's figure
for these nine plants to 18,363 bales.

Methodist Pastor Is
Returned to Merkel

The list of appointments for the
Methodist Northwest Texas confer-
ence brought gratifying news to mem-
bers of the local church as well as to
the citizenship in general in that Rev.
E. L. Yeats, pastor for the past two
years, has been returned for another
year.

Rev. W. M. Murrell, of Abilene,
was returned as presiding elder of this
district and all of the Abilene
pastors were also returned: Rev. Cal
C. Wright, to the First church; Rev.
R. S. Marshall, to St. Paul's and Rev.
Elmer Crabtree, to Oak street church.

Trent has a new pastor, Rev. O. C.
Coppage, transferred from Groom,
Rev. U. S. Sherrill, the former Trent
pastor, going to that place. Rev. Mar-
vin Williams, formerly of the Blair
circuit, was ordained an elder and sent
to the Moran church. A. F. Click is
the new Blair pastor.

Rev. J. R. Mayhew, former pastor
of the Merkel church, was placed on
the superannuate list, while Brother
Willett, also a former Merkel pastor,
who was transferred to Hamlin, was
returned there. Revs. A. B. English
and Ben Hardy, pastors at Anson and
Roscoe, respectively, were exchanged
from one church to the other.

Rev. C. A. Bickley was returned as
presiding elder of the Lubbock dis-
trict, while Rev. E. E. White, a former
presiding elder of the Abilene
district, was assigned to the pastor-
ate of a Denton church.

To Test Beer Measure.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 17.—William
D. Upshaw, prohibition candidate for
president in the recent election, said
in an interview Tuesday that if con-
gress enacts beer legislation he will
file suit challenging the constitution-
ality of the act.

Carries Dallas County.

Dallas, Nov. 17.—Orville Bullington,
Republican nominee, defeated
Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, successful
democratic gubernatorial candidate,
by 4,862 votes in Dallas county, ac-
cording to unofficial tabulation with
all boxes complete. The vote was:
Bullington 26,024, Ferguson 21,162.

best holiday seasons for several years.

Our county commissioners are in
session this week and Judge Bledsoe
urged all of them to have their bonds
made. It is rumored that Blue Tittle
was "ready and rearing to go."

J. L. Banner, our county commis-
sioner, returned to Abilene Thursday.
Mr. Banner in speaking of the re-
turns said the work of canvassing
them was one of the hardest jobs he
ever got into.

Miss Annie Lou O'Briant returned
last week from a visit with friends at
Waco.

Mrs. G. H. Johnson of Roscoe, who
has been here visiting her father, T.
E. Costephens, returned to her home
Tuesday afternoon.

Misses Lizzie Calvert, Ona Johnson,
Ezma Allday and Effie Hutson were
in Abilene Sunday attending the con-
ference.

John R. Daniel
Livery, Feed and Sale Stable
South Side
Automobile Service in Connection
Opposite T. & P. Depot.
Merkel Texas

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
APTLY TERMED THE MOST
CHEERFUL ORGANIZATION

How is the Boy Scout movement or-
ganized is the question heard fre-
quently and the answer to this ques-
tion discloses that Scouting is not
only organized on a thorough and
business-like basis in every section of
America but in over sixty foreign
countries.

America is divided into twelve re-
gions, each region consisting of a number
of states. Regions are divided
into Scout units known as councils,
each council having jurisdiction over
several counties.

Texas is known as the ninth re-
gion Boy Scouts of America. In the
ninth region are the states of Okla-
homa, Texas, New Mexico and South-
west Arkansas.

FIRST MEETING OF
HALF BROTHERS

Oldest is 78, Other, 55, Had Nev-
er Seen Each Other; They
Meet at Winters.

Meeting for the first time, two half
brothers, R. A. Yeats, age 78, of Win-
ters, and Rev. Gohston Yeats, age 55,
pastor of the First Baptist church of
Amarillo, enjoyed a most momentous
occasion when the Amarillo man and
his wife, accompanied by Rev. E. L.
Yeats and Mrs. Yeats of Merkel, visit-
ed in the farm home of the former
at Winters Tuesday.

Both were born in High Log, Ala.,
the older brother leaving before the
younger was born.

The Baptist general convention in
Abilene made it a convenient time for
bringing the two brothers together,
as the Amarillo man was coming to
the convention and his nephew, Bro-
ther Yeats, knowing this would be the
case, had planned the big day for the
two brothers.

It was about ten years ago when
the nephew, Rev. E. L. Yeats, read
in the newspapers of a Baptist pas-
tor by the name of Gholston Yeats
residing in Tyler. Correspondence re-
vealed that the Baptist preacher was
his father's half brother, Rev. E. L.
Yeats met his uncle in Amarillo about
two years ago and again, when last
week in attendance on the Methodist
conference in that city, visited in his
home. It was then that he arranged
for the happy meeting of his uncle
and his father, half-brother who had
never seen each other, the younger
one of whom is now 55 years old.

Young Trent Farmer
Dies Saturday Night

Following a critical illness lasting
twelve days from pneumonia with
other complications, Clarence How-
ard, 37, passed away shortly before
midnight Saturday at his home north-
east of Trent.

Funeral services were held Sunday
afternoon at 3 o'clock from the
Church of Christ here, with Elder
W. G. Cypert officiating, assisted by
Elders Fred McClung and O. J. Ad-
cock. Interment was in Rose Hill
cemetery.

Mr. Howard, who farmed on the
Fayette Bland place, had been a resi-
dent of Jones county for about 15
years. In July 1919, he was married
to Miss Armita Wheeler, daughter
of Mr. B. N. Wheeler of Noodle, and,
besides his wife, he is survived by 5
children, four girls, the oldest of
whom is 12, and a baby boy, only five
months old. He is also survived by
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. How-
ard, of Big Spring, and four brothers
and three sisters.

Death, always sad because of the
forced parting from loved ones and
the resultant void in their lives, seems
doubly pathetic in this case, claiming
such a splendid husband and father
in his prime and at a time when his
wife and children most need him.

Increase in Cotton Consumption.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Cotton con-
sumed during October was reported
Tuesday by the census bureau to have
totalled 502,244 bales of lint and 57,-
955 of linters, compared with 491,-
655 and 61,308 in September this
year and 461,023 and 62,315 in Octo-
ber last year.

Regional executives, representing
the national council Boy Scouts of
America, supervise the activities un-
der their jurisdiction. James P. Fitch,
with headquarters at Dallas, is the
regional executive for the ninth re-
gion.

The Chisholm Trail council is one
of the many councils in the ninth re-
gion and consists of the counties of
Haskell, Jones, Shackelford, Taylor,
Callahan, Runnels and Coleman.

Although there are many thousands
of volunteer workers connected with
Scouting each council has one paid
worker, a scout executive who rep-
resents the national council Boy
Scouts of America.

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KEEPING UP
WITH TEXAS

When kerosene she was using to
start a fire exploded, Mrs. Ferris Bol-
inger, 22, was fatally burned at the
home of her stepfather at Indian
creek, a community near Brownwood.

Following the Armistice Day grid-
iron battles, only three Class A high
school elevens remain undefeated and
united in the Texas Interscholastic
league: Amarillo, Mascenic Home and
Sweetwater.

The Coleman First National bank,
formed a year ago when the three oth-
er banks there closed, released 30 per
cent of its restricted accounts, or more
than \$100,000, on Wednesday, 20 per
cent having been previously released.

Three men robbed the First State
bank at Stinnett of an estimated \$5,-
000 cash and kidnaped G. W. New-
son, cashier, Tuesday afternoon, the
cashier having been released later at
a distance about 40 miles from Stin-
nett.

It happens in Texas which has one
of the strictest state prohibition en-
forcement acts in the United States;
a group of Houstonians, one of them
named Hoover, has taken out a char-
ter to erect a large brewery there at
once.

For the first time that a brother
has succeeded a brother on the Texas
bench, Representative Thomas R. Bond
of Kaufman has been appointed by
Governor Sterling to succeed his brother,
Judge Joel Bond, of the sixty-
eighth district court.

Vice-President-elect John Garner,
accompanied by Ross Brumfield, Uvalde
business man and Cactus Jack's
hunting and fishing companion for
many years, killed a large eight-point
buck deer on his first day out in the
deer season Wednesday.

The federal office of education at
Washington has reported that Texas
leads all other states in the number
of high schools and that more than a
fourth of 29,930 in the United States
are in Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania,
Missouri and Illinois.

With 771,616 votes counted thus
far, the greatest presidential election
vote ever polled in Texas, the tabula-
tion shows Mrs. Ferguson received
477,697 votes, and Orville Bullington,
Republican nominee for governor,
293,147. Dr. Butte in 1924 received
294,970 votes in opposition to Mrs.
Ferguson.

W. M. Odell, 54, prominent Fort
Worth attorney and former regent of
the University of Texas and member
of the state prison board, who also
served until 1919 as United States at-
torney for the northern district of
Texas, under appointment from Pres-
ident Woodrow Wilson, died in Fort
Worth Monday.

With the passage of a new oil bill
enlarging powers of the state railroad
commission by permitting that body
to consider market demand in limiting
production, which bill became a law
with the signature of Governor Ster-
ling, the fourth special session of the
42nd Texas legislature adjourned
Saturday night.

Miss Ann V. Burnett, granddaugh-
ter of the late Captain S. Burk Burn-
ett, who inherited a large share of
an estate estimated at \$20,000,000
when he died about ten years ago,
was married in New York City Wed-
nesday to James Goodwin Hall, bro-
ker aviator, and left a few hours later
on a honeymoon to Cuba and Mexico.

UNION SERVICE OF
THANKSGIVING SET
FOR SUNDAY NIGHT

Varying the custom this year, the
union Thanksgiving service will be
held on Sunday night before Thanks-
giving, Nov. 20, instead of on Thurs-
day night.

The service in which all the chur-
ches of the city have been invited to
join will be held at the Methodist
church, beginning at 7 o'clock.

The Thanksgiving sermon will be
preached by Rev. C. R. Joyner, the
new Baptist pastor, and Miss Chris-
tine Collins will direct the music.
Rev. R. A. Walker will be the master
of ceremonies.

Burgess on Program
Of County Teachers

Superintendent Roger A. Burgess
of the Merkel Public schools will dis-
cuss work of the Texas State Teach-
ers association and the annual con-
vention program to be held at Fort
Worth at Thanksgiving time when
the Taylor county teachers gather
Saturday at Abilene for their first
associational meeting of the current
year. The sessions will be held at the
high school auditorium opening at 10
o'clock.

With exception of an entertain-
ment feature to be given by the
Abilene high school dramatic club,
the day will be devoted to business
and study. The dramatic club of-
fering will open the program.

Morning business session will in-
clude announcements by M. A.
Williams, county superintendent,
—and Miss Madge Stanford, ru-
ral supervisor; appointment of
nominating committees for the as-
sociation and interscholastic league,
and also a committee on honor roll
standards, and a talk on publicity
by Homer Hutto, Abilene newspa-
per man.

Hoyt Ford, Simmons university
teacher, will speak to elementary
grade instructors on the teaching
of arithmetic, at the afternoon session.

Three county schools—Bradshaw,
Trent and New Hope—have re-
ported 100 per cent membership af-
filiation in the State Teachers as-
sociation.

H. O. Harris of Bradshaw is
president of the Taylor County Teach-
ers' association. Officers and league
officials will be chosen at the closing
session of the meeting.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Davila,
Tye, Thursday, November 10, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dewitt
Campbell, Mt. Pleasant, Satur-
day, November 12, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Giles P.
Graham, Sunday, November 13, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Mel F. Hand,
residing west of Trent, Tuesday, No-
vember 15, 1932.

BRUCE BARTON

Writer 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."

PASSING JUDGMENT.

The other sort of women were also attracted and impressed
with Jesus—women of less fortunate experience and reputation—
whose illusions regarding men were gone, whose eyes saw piercing-
ly, and whose lips were well-versed in phrases of contempt. As he
taught in the Temple, one of them was hurried into his presence
by a vulgar crowd of self-righteous Scribes and Pharisees. She
had been taken in the act of infidelity, and according to the Mosaic
law she could be stoned to death.

Shrinking, embarrassed, yet with a look in which defiance and
scorn were mingled too, she stood in his presence, and listened
while their unclean lips played with the story of her shame. What
thoughts must have raced through her mind—she who knew men
and despised them all, and now was brought to judgment before
a man! They were all alike, in her philosophy; what would this one
do and say?

To her amazement, and the discomfiture of her critics, he said
nothing. He "stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the
ground, as though he heard them not." They craned their necks
to see what he wrote and continued to taunt him with their ques-
tions: "Moses says stone her; what do you say?"

"Come now, if you are a prophet, here's a matter for you to
decide."

"We found her in the house of So and So. She is guilty; what's
your answer?"

All this time he had not once looked at the woman's face, and
he did not look at her now. Slowly he "lifted himself up," and
facing the evil-minded pack, said quietly:

"He that is without sin among you let him first cast a stone
at her."

And again, says the narrative, he stooped down and wrote on
the ground.

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**Boy Scouts**

(Continued from Page One.)  
 Mr. Ed Shumway of Abilene is the executive for the Chisholm Trail council and is the only paid man for the seven county program of the Chisholm Trail council.  
 The Boy Scout movement is supported by interested citizens and the entire program depends upon popular financial support. Even though the seven county program is one of tremendous work the budget of \$3500.00 is exceedingly low. Out of this small amount is paid the salary of the executive, salary of a full time secretary, travel expenses, all necessary office expense, etc. No funds for the financial support of any council are furnished by the national office Boy Scouts of America. All depends upon financial support rendered each year by the citizens of every city in the Chisholm Trail council.

The regional office renders assistance at all times and 100 per cent cooperation is rendered by the home office of the Boy Scouts of America, New York City.

The Boy Scouts of America is chartered by the congress of the United States as is the American Red Cross and American Legion and a yearly audit and report made to United States congress.

All bills of the Chisholm Trail council are paid in voucher form signed by the president of the council, Thos. E. Hayden, Jr.; the treasurer, Jas. A. Littleton, and the executive, Ed Shumway. Yearly audits are made.  
 The Boy Scouts of America has been termed "the most Cheerful Organization" because of its pleasant working organizational set up.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the good people of Trent and surrounding country for their kindness, help, beautiful floral offerings and words of sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our dear husband, father and son.  
 Mrs. C. A. Howard and Children.  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Howard and Family.  
 Mr. B. N. Wheeler and Children.

See our 79 cent blankets. Brown's Bargain Store.

Several Egyptian princesses were named Cleopatra.

**BRUCE BARTON**  
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A painful silence fell upon the crowd; he continued writing. He wrote—and one by one the thick-lipped champions of morality drew their garments around them and slipped away, until the court was empty except for him and her. Then, and only then, his glance was lifted.

"Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee?" he inquired, as if in surprise. Amazed at the sudden turn of affairs she could hardly find her voice.

"No man, Lord," she murmured. "Neither do I condemn thee," he answered simply. "Go, and sin no more."  
 From the moment when the noisy vulgar throng had broken in upon him, he was complete master of the situation. Those were men not easily abashed, but they slunk out of his presence without waiting for his command. And she, who knew men so much more truly than men ever know each other, felt his mastery, responded to his power, and spoke to him reverently as "Lord."

Next Week: Nerves of Steel.

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that aching, that hot-one-minute and freezing-the-next feeling. Hamm's Cold Capsules prevent flu, relieve colds and fever. Money back guarantee. Sold only by Sie Hamm Drug Co.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

**Manager of Sales Co.,  
 A Visitor to Merkel**

A visitor in the city Thursday was H. Brusher, general manager of the Active Sales company, with headquarters in Abilene. Mr. Brusher stated that his company intended opening a branch office at Big Spring.

Speaking of the inviting market for buyers at this time, he said that he found the buyers in a good mood to buy, because he, the buyer, knows that he can get what he is buying at a good price; similarly, the seller wants to get out and will sell at a reasonable price. His company deals in all kinds of businesses and have several stock farms at exceptional bargain prices.

**ANNOUNCEMENT.**

Salt Branch school will open Monday, November 21. Pupils are requested to bring their lunch, for we will stay most of the day.

Norah Foster, Principal.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

**YOU WILL FIND ME  
 AT  
 BLUE FRONT GARAGE  
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**THE RED & WHITE STORES**

**SPECIALS  
 FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
 NOVEMBER 18 AND 19**

- SPUDS 10 lbs. 15c**
- LETTUCE, fresh crisp, 2 heads 9c
- BEANS fresh, green, 10c**  
pound
- ORANGES, dozen 25c
- GRAPES Tokay 5c**  
pound
- BEANS, Pinto, 5 pounds 19c
- Apples extra large, Delicious, doz. 35c**
- PEACHES, No. 2 1-2 can, 2 for 25c
- PINEAPPLE, No. 2 broken slice, 2 for 25c
- CORN R & W, No. 2 25c**  
can, 2 for
- SOUP, R & W, tomato, 2 can 15c
- TOMATOES No. 1 can 5c**  
No. 2 can, 2 for 15c
- SARDINES, American, 6 cans 25c
- Baking Powder Calumet, 1 lb. 25c**  
can
- I Package Cocoanut and I Cake Pan FREE  
with each can
- COFFEE, Sun Up, pound 21c
- Wheat Krispies, Pkg. 10c**
- OATS, B & W, package 21c
- SUGAR 10 lbs. pure cane 45c**  
cloth bag
- DRIED FRUIT, peaches or apricots, 2 lbs. 21c
- Shortening 4 pound 25c**  
carton
- BACON, slice, sugar cured, lb. 17c
- Bologna, pound 10c**
- BACON dry salt 8c**  
pound

**FURNISHED APARTMENTS**

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

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Come on down and see us and we'll trade.

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DECEMBER WEEKLY

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

The Staff:

Editor—Chief—Mildred Richard. Sports Editor—Howard Stanley. Assistant Editor—Florene Rider. Joke Editor—Van Roberts.

N. CLUB. Last Wednesday the Senior girls and finished organizing their... The name is the F. U. N. club. Colors are pink and white.

ANY YOU FEATURE—altho' well with straight hair? tire on Mae with long curls? the dresses Marie without Cade? the felle not knowing history and

Are we downhearted because the boys lost the score Friday? Well, I think you should say not! The Pep Squad is taking the football squad more than ever now.

English Club. English 9 A had its second meeting last Wednesday afternoon. Harry Boaz took charge at the first of the period and Mary Helen Mashburn, secretary, read the minutes of the first meeting.

Senior News. Station S-E-N-I-O-R-S broadcasting: At last they are here! Monday morning brought the Seniors a package of good news. The rings have come.

SEZ THE JUNIORS. Believe it or not, the Juniors have been serious enough to elect a reporter, Caribel Mansfield. Armistice wasn't the only reason school was dismissed. David had a birthday.

Maybe he would have been a star player in football. Mr. Irvin: "When I was a boy my highest ambition was to become a pirate."

SOPHOMORE NEWS. The Sophomores have organized and intend to be the best class in school. With our president and other officers we should be. We think we have a good president in Neil Durham.

SISTER SUE. Intelligent Sue: Why has the physics department ordered a new set of books? Yours, Imogene Middleton. Imogene: The authors of the last set were Dull and Howe.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Brother Sherrill, after attending conference the last week, came home making his arrangements to move to Groom, as he has been appointed there. Brother Coppage of Groom takes his place here and will fill the pulpit next Sunday.

Mrs. Ben Howell visited Mrs. Howland of Sweetwater several days last week. The latter is quite ill at this writing. Mrs. Joe Jones and children of Merkel were all day guests of Mrs. J. B. Winn last Friday.

Mrs. Maggie Minnus of Fort Worth is here for a visit with relatives. Miss Lucille Adrian is here for a while with home folks as her school where she is teaching in Oklahoma is suspended till the cotton picking is over.

On last Thursday night a fire broke out at the North Side Planters gin causing some excitement and hard work to be controlled but with a small loss of 4 or 5 bales the fire was put out. The fire was thought to have been caused from matches in the cotton while ginning.

Mrs. Franks is spending a few days in Sweetwater this week. Mr. and Mrs. Shouse and son, Andy, visited with relatives at Stith last Sunday.

The district manager of the Telephone Co. visited with the office operators, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn, the entire day last Monday, discussing business matters in general and stressing the subject of collections.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece Hale and family spent last week-end in Lamesa, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winters of that place.

Mrs. T. G. Hamner is assisting Mrs. Bowers in the store while the manager is away on a deer hunt. In the absence of Brother Sherrill last Sunday, Brother Patterson of McMurry efficiently filled his place in the pulpit.

M. and Mrs. C. B. Kelly and children, Josephine and Kenneth, of Snyder were guests last Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Forrester. Last Thursday Mrs. Stribling, who was driving with her son, Claud, fell out of the car in which they were, hurting her shoulder. Though not thought serious, she is remaining in bed a few days from the effects. The door not being properly closed was the cause of the accident.

Brother McGinnis, the former pastor of the Baptist church here, was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norwood, also in the Beckham home. Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Beckham and children of Lamesa anticipate a visit here this week to visit relatives, also to attend the convention at Abilene.

The editor of the Mail was in our midst a while last Saturday looking after business matters. We like to see you over here—come again. Mrs. Annie Boone, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Hosea Winn, and children, Edwin Earl and Martha Ann, were guests of relatives at Sweetwater Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Forrest Forrester, who is teaching at Roby, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Forrester, last week. Messrs. Joe Nally, Roger Williams and O. L. Bishop made a business trip to Lamesa last Sunday.

Isom Burks was slightly injured Monday night while working at the gin, causing him to lay off a day or so. Those attending services at Abilene last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Terry, Mrs. Brown and her daughter, Winnie. Several of our people are planning to go to the Baptist convention next week which will be held at Abilene.

Mrs. Fred Hale was the happy hostess of her sister, Mrs. T. S. Husbands, and daughter, Miss Vera, of Greenville, who spent Thursday and Friday, leaving Friday for Stamford where she will continue her visit with a brother there.

LITERARY BONERS. Milton wrote: "Paradise Lost;" then his wife died and he wrote "Paradise Regained."

Pope wrote principally in heroic couplets. Shakespeare wrote comedies, tragedies and errors.

Homer wrote the "Odyssey." Gray's greatest poem was his "Elegy."

Mr. Riddle thinks Eve was tempted by a worm. That is a gentlemanly way of stating it.

fine and if we end as we started we will be sitting jake. We mean to have a good baseball team this year.

The officers of our class are: president, Ola Martin; vice-president, Mary Elizabeth Winn; secretary-treasurer, Lucille Howell; critic, D. A. Hutcheson; sergeant-at-arms, Dow Williamson; reporter, Lucille Howell. Our favorites are: flower, red rose; song, "America;" color, blue and white.

Our sergeant-at-arms has been sick the past week but maybe will be feeling fine by Wednesday.

We, the 6th and 7th grade, are having a contest to bring in library books so as to build up the library. The grade that brings in the most books is to be treated by the other grade by a party or picnic of some kind. We now have the largest library in the school and hope to keep it up.

CLASS JOKES.

Mr. Franks: "Ola, why does your father wear such small shoes." Ola: "Because his feet feel so good when he pulls them off."

Mrs. Franks: "Oh! Garland, bring me one of those muffins." Mr. Franks: "Well, if there's enough left after I get through."

Lucille: "Lillian Grace, why do you have your leg tied up?" Lillian Grace: "Well, my right leg is so much faster than my left leg and I have it tied up so it can keep up."

Dow: "Sister, give me a bite of cake, I'm hungry." Sister: "I would if you wouldn't take it all; it takes three good sized cakes to fill you up."

Audaver: "Who is that closed-mouth individual in the corner?" Hazel Wanda: "He ain't closed-mouth, he's just waiting for Pete to come back with the spittoon."

Elizabeth (who is engaged): "When we are married, dear, we must have a hyphenated name. What would go good with Eaton." J. B.: "Moth."

Mr. Franks: "Hey, you kids, be quiet or I'll hit you over the head with this ramrod." Children: "We're no billygoats."

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

BLAIR ITEMS

The remarkably open weather continues. There is a dry norther nearly every day, with frost on a few mornings, but not heavy enough to kill vegetation. It has been six weeks or so since a rain of any consequence and there have been 2184 bales of cotton weighed up to date. Approximately 75 per cent of the cotton has been harvested.

Those from here who attended the funeral of Mary Esta, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tinkle of Trent, were Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell and son, Mrs. V. L. Doan and children, Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell and son, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Mrs. Susie Doan and Emmitt Morris.

Little Melba Hunter was the honored guest of her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Clark, of Fort Worth, the past week.

Mrs. Rex McClain left on the Santa Fe Friday for Lubbock for a visit with relatives at that place.

Durwood Doan, who happened to a painful accident, is getting along moderately well at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Clayton and children visited their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Will Clayton, of Roscoe, for the week-end.

Carl Hughes and son, J. W., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Reynolds of Trent.

Bob Malone left Tuesday on a business trip to Dallas. Mr. Buck Moore and daughter, Miss Murrell, of Mt. Pleasant were guests of the former's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore Sunday.

Late news has come of the illness of Mrs. Johnnie Latimer. She has not been well for some time but we hope her illness will not prove serious.

Mrs. Laura Harrison is also on the sick list and has been real feeble for some time.

Dallas Moore of Amarillo is the interesting guest of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore, for the week. Mr. Moore is a representative of the Santa Fe.

Jim Campbell of Caps is staying with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Morris, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Swafford and son and Mrs. Cynthia Hall spent Sunday in Trent and were accompanied home by Mrs. Ed Sherman of Trent for the week. Mr. and Mrs. F. P.

Williams of Abilene motored over in their striking pretty car and visited in this home also the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Lockford Patterson and son have moved into our midst for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan spent a pleasant afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Silas Scott of Noodle Sunday. Arthur Moore returned to school at Nolan Monday. The school closed for some four weeks on account of cotton picking in that vicinity.

DORA DOINGS

With these cold northers coming regularly, the porkers are meeting with bad accidents.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Smith announce the arrival of a baby girl Tuesday, and Mr. and Mrs. Judson Woodrall are entertaining a young man at their house since last Tuesday night.

Mr. Lonnie Lewis and Miss Flora Owens were married at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. McDonald Tuesday evening and we wish them a long, happy and prosperous life.

Misses Novis and Modenia Whiteaker left Sunday to take up school duties at Castle Peak; Miss Laura Wallis left for Butman, Miss Jewel Burklow for IXL, Miss Gladys Laine for Blair and O. Z. Porter for Capitan. So, we believe, we furnish more teachers than most communities.

Miss Marie Dunlap of A. C. C. spent the week-end here with her mother, Mrs. B. P. Dunlap.

The box supper put on at the Divide school Friday night was enjoyed by a large, jolly crowd and the purse to buy basketball suits was enlarged to something over a hundred dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wright were shopping in Sweetwater Monday. J. B. Bryant spent the week-end in Fort Worth visiting his parents.

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.

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.

Place Your Order for Christmas Cards Early. NICE ASSORTMENT IN STOCK AND SAMPLES TO SELECT FROM. PRICES ARE REASONABLE. SEE OUR LINE BEFORE YOU BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS. THE MERKEL MAIL Phone 61 Merkel, Texas

### CLASSIFIED ADS

#### FOR SALE

WHO WANTS A BEAUTIFUL PIANO AT A BARGAIN.

Have in this vicinity a splendid upright piano with duet bench to match, also a lovely Baby Grand in two tone mahogany. Rather than re-ship will sell either of these at a bargain. Terms if desired. Address at once, Brook Mays & Co., The Reliable Piano House, Dallas, Texas.

FOR SALE—Two good milk cows, one fresh; also about 8 tons of bright maize, headed before rains. H. T. Rice, one mile west of town.

#### 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.

FOR RENT—A three room apartment, furnished, newly refurnished, with all modern conveniences, to a couple. S. F. Haynes.

#### WANTED

MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE for elderly people, ages up to 80, maximum \$1,000. Write Postoffice box 764, Abilene, Texas.

SPECIAL FINGER WAVING fifteen cents each, two for twenty-five cents. Mrs. Bernell Crow on Elm street, three and a half blocks west of postoffice.

WANTED TO BUY cheap or keep for its feed pony, horse or Shetland. V. E. Spurgin Merkel, Texas, Route 2.

#### LOST AND FOUND

TAKEN UP—Stray calf. Owner can get same by describing and paying for this ad. W. C. Erwin, Merkel, Texas, Route 5.

#### LOCAL BRIEFS.

With a general warning of approaching cold weather from the government bureau, the coldest wave of the season drove the thermometer down to 18 degrees Wednesday morning. It moderated during the day and it was not freezing cold on Thursday morning.

Playing a week's engagement here the Kennedy Sisters' Stock company have enjoyed unusually good patronage, despite the cold weather. They have a splendid repertoire of good, clean comedies, an orchestra that knows how to make music and a line of exceptionally entertaining specialties. The engagement concludes Saturday night.

Deputy Sheriff W. R. Sumpter was instrumental in locating Claude Derrick's stolen Chevrolet sedan near San Angelo Tuesday and Mr. Derrick went over in a truck and hauled his car home the next day. It was found just outside the city limit of that city where it had been abandoned with only slight damage, the front wheel and axle being warped and the front spring broken.

Thumbscrews were instruments of torture used in Scotland.

### Over 30 Outstanding Stars of Gridiron in "The All American"

The season's tremendous enthusiasm for football has an ideal outlet in "The All American," the Universal gridiron drama which opens an engagement at the Palace theatre, Sweetwater, on Sunday.

This is declared to be the greatest football picture in the history of the screen, and brings together more than 30 of the game's outstanding stars, as well as a big cast of popular screen players including Richard Arlen, Andy Devine, Gloria Stuart, James Gleason, Preston Foster, June Clyde and John Darrow. Last season's All America team plays as a unit, and their opposition is made up of a score of gridiron heroes of previous years. "Red" Cagle, Ernie Nevers, Marcy Schwartz, Albie Booth, Frank Caridee and Jerry Dalrymple are among the stars who are seen in hard-fought contests on the football field.

The story of "The All American" which is an absorbing drama quite aside from its football interest, traces the career of Garry King, college gridiron star who is spoiled by the adulation of the multitude and who becomes much less of a man after he leaves school. He is brought to his senses when he realizes that his younger brother, who has succeeded him as the star football player of the university, is beginning the same sort of career.

#### PERSONALS

Miss Hollye Perry has re-entered Simmons university.

Miss Valentine Olliphint of Quannah is visiting Miss Pauline Pinckley.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett and T. H. Christopher, accompanied by Mrs. Verner Sublett and daughter, Vernelle, and R. A. Stuart, Jr., of Lamesa, spent the week-end at Carlsbad, N. M. Mrs. Verner Sublett visited her mother at Carlsbad, the rest of the party enjoying the wonders of Carlsbad Cavern.

Mesdames D. H. Vaughn and J. L. Harris spent Thursday in Abilene.

Mrs. Harold Jones of Dallas is this week's guest of Miss Nell Swann.

Mrs. W. F. Hamblet of Snyder is visiting friends and relatives here for several days.

Misses Aileen Childress and Vera Ritchie enjoyed a visit to El Paso over the week-end.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williams of Breckenridge.

Mrs. Earl Brown and children of Abilene, joined by Miss Dota Garoutte, spent the week-end in Snyder.

After a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Campbell, Mrs. W. F. Martin returned Tuesday to her home at Clint.

E. D. Sandell of Las Cruces, N. M., a nephew of Mrs. Anderson, is a guest in the J. S. Anderson home at Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. J. S. Swann has as her guest her brother, A. R. Dean, of Tyler, who is attending the Baptist convention while here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Olin Lusby went to Alpine for the Armistice day holiday and week-end where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Dennis.

Mrs. S. W. Smith of Plainview was a week-end visitor in Merkel with

Mrs. George F. West, Mrs. Booth Warren and Miss Mary Anna Mayfield.

Rev. J. W. Saffle and Mrs. Saffle, of Plainview, are guests of their daughter, Mrs. W. J. Largent, while attending the Baptist convention this week.

Isadore Mellinger, who is a Freshman at the University of Texas, this year, came home for a week-end visit with his parent, Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger.

D. I. Shelton left Monday for Dallas where he will be all this week in connection with matters of the Texas Cotton Co-operative association, of which he is a director.

T. S. Christopher, assistant attorney general, of Austin, visited in Merkel last Thursday night, the guest of his father, T. H. Christopher, and sister, Mrs. Len Sublett.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hughes and two sons have returned from a pleasant visit with Mr. Hughes' parents in Center. Mr. Hughes also attended to business matters while in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnett have as their guests this week Mrs. Jim Wilson of Blue Ridge, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Roberts of Commerce. Mrs. Wilson is a sister of Mr. Barnett's.

Mrs. L. M. Touchstone and daughter, Miss Mollye Frank, and Misses Helen Patterson, Carrie Coffey and Eleanor Mae Hamilton were a party to spend the week-end in Dallas, returning Sunday.

Mrs. W. Parten, now of Los Angeles but a former resident of Merkel, accompanied by Miss Lurline Long of Dallas and Ray Long of Los Angeles, were guests in the T. G. Bragg home last week.

The visit of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and their two sons, Malcolm and Harold, from Sonora, was the occasion of a family reunion in the J.

E. Costephens home last Sunday. Other children present were: Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Johnson and daughter, Miss Eva May, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Costephens, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Costephens and Ernest Costephens, all of Roscoe, and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Costephens and daughter, Miss Dorothy, of Sweetwater. Mrs. Florence Berry and her daughter, Jessie Margaret, were also present.

### Many Radio Stars in "The Big Broadcast" Coming to Paramount

"The Big Broadcast," a romantic comedy set against the background of a radio studio, and featuring many of radio's greatest personalities in company with a cast of screen favorites, opens a two day engagement today at the Paramount Theatre, Abilene.

Ping Crosby, Kate Smith, the Boswell Sisters, the Mills Brothers, Cab Caloway and his orchestra, Burns and Allen, Arthur Tracy (the Street Singer) and Vincent Lopez and his orchestra, all of whom have radio audiences numbering millions, are cast with Stuart Erwin, Lelia Hyams and other movie players in the picture.

The story revolves around Crosby, Miss Hyams and Erwin. Crosby, in the film as in real life a radio favorite, is so fascinated by another woman that he never shows up at the studio in time for his broadcasts, and consequently gets himself fired. Erwin, in love with Miss Hyams finds she loves Crosby, and in a magnificent gesture, buys the station and a network to restore the latter his job, for Lelia's sake.

But Crosby remains irresponsible,

and it is only after a big broadcast in which the other radio favorites are featured that the tangled lives of the three are straightened up.

#### "Back Street" at Queen.

Several weeks ago the Queen theatre started a new policy of showing the latest and best pictures every Thursday and Friday. This week's attraction is one of the most talked of pictures of the time, "Back Street," the Universal production of Fannie Hurst's book of the same name. Irene Dunne and John Boles play the leading roles in this sensational story of the millions. Love, honor and the usual virtues are woven into a story of fortune. A story of the city and of the "Back Street." Written as only Fannie Hurst could write it, and starring two of Hollywood's most competent actors. You will always blame yourself if you miss it.

#### 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.

#### TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

### QUEEN

NOW SHOWING

IT'S SENSATIONAL "BACK STREET" WITH JOHN BOLES-IRENE DUNNE Also Universal Comedy

SATURDAY ONLY

BUCK JONES

IN "ONE MAN LAW" Also Cartoon and Serial

ALWAYS 10c-25c

### Thurman McCoy, 23, Claimed by Death

Although he had been sick for several days, death came suddenly about midnight Monday to Thurman McCoy, age 23, who died at the home of his uncle, Will Patterson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Fundamental Baptist church, with Rev. O. D. Pruitt conducting the service. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery. Pall bearers were: Jasper Hobbs, T. B. Hobbs, Hale Hobbs, Claude Ellington, Wilmer Criswell and Leonard Gay.

Thurman McCoy was born at Hodges and had farmed prior to the first of this year when he moved to town. He was converted in January and joined the Baptist church, of which he was a consistent and devout member. Besides his wife, who was before her marriage Miss Bill Ellington, he is survived by three small children: Billie, age 5, Glenn, age 3, and Claude Odell, only five months old. His mother, Mrs. B. C. McCoy, who was a Patterson, also survives and three brothers, Buster, Odell and Floyd, and two sisters, Mrs. Roy Clark and Miss Lottie McCoy.

To the bereaved wife and children, mother, brothers and sisters, The Mail extends its sincerest sympathy in their sad and irreplaceable loss.

Cactus plants, associated with western deserts, grow in at least one form in all the states except Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

### R & R PALACE

Sweetwater

Saturday

"WILD GIRL"

From Bret Harte's famous story "SALOMY JANE'S KISS" with Charles Farrell Joan Bennett

Sunday-Monday

"ALL AMERICAN"

Greater than "SPIRIT OF NOTRE DAME" with Richard Arlen and the 1931 all American team.

Tuesday-Wednesday

Clive Brook in

"SHERLOCK HOLMES"

Thursday-Friday

WILL ROGERS

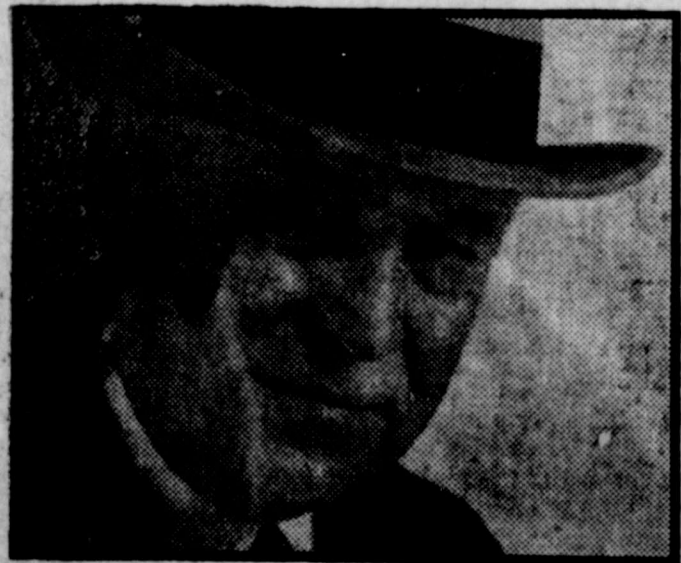
"To Busy To Work"

MIDNIGHT SHOW

Wednesday 11:20 P. M.

"THEY CALL IT SIN"

### Stronger Than He Was at Twenty



FIFTY-FIVE years old, and still going strong!

Do you want the secret of such vitality? It isn't what you eat, or any tonic you take. It's something anyone can do—something you can start today and see results in a week! All you do is give your vital organs the right stimulant.

A famous doctor discovered the way to stimulate a sluggish system to new energy. It brings fresh vigor to every organ. Being a physician's prescription, it's quite harmless. Tell your druggist you want a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's syrup pepsin. Get the benefit of its fresh laxative herbs, active senna, and that pure pepsin. Get that lazy liver to work, those stagnant bowels into action. Get rid of waste matter that is slow

poison so long as it is permitted to remain in the system.

The new energy men and women feel before one bottle of Dr. Caldwell's syrup pepsin has been used up is proof of how much the system needs this help.

Get a bottle of this delicious syrup and let it end that constant worry about the condition of the bowels. Spare the children those bilious days that make them miserable. Save your household from the use of cathartics which lead to chronic constipation. And guard against auto-intoxication as you grow older.

Dr. Caldwell's syrup pepsin is such a well known preparation you can get it wherever drugs are sold and it isn't expensive.

# Offer of Free Theatre Tickets Expires Nov. 30

Notice is given that the Mail's offer of FREE TICKETS to the Queen theatre in connection with subscription and clubbing offers will be withdrawn after November 30, 1932. (All clubbing offers are effective until January 1, 1932.)

Until November 30, 1932,

## 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.

With each subscription on club basis, including the Merkel Mail and either the Abilene Morning News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram or Dallas News: two free tickets to the Queen Theatre, good any time.

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

#### ANNUAL CLUBBING RATES:

Abilene Morning News 1 Year	\$3.95
Merkel Mail 1 Year	1.00
Total	\$4.95
Both Papers 1 Year	\$4.50
Star Telegram, Daily and Sunday	\$5.69
Merkel Mail 1 Year	1.00
Total	\$6.69
Both Papers 1 Year	\$6.05
Dallas News, Daily and Sunday	\$5.75
Merkel Mail 1 Year	1.00
Total	\$6.75
Both Papers 1 Year	\$6.05

# The Merkel Mail

Your Home Town Newspaper



**BRIDE COMPLIMENTED.**  
Mrs. William Sheppard, who was until her marriage Miss Lola Shelton, was complimented in the home of Mrs. A. R. Booth on last Thursday afternoon by Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr., with a lovely miscellaneous shower. The house was decorated with many fall blossoms where tables were appointed for games of auction bridge which progressed until tea time when delicious cherry pie and coffee was served.

The honoree was the recipient of many lovely and useful gifts. Those enjoying this pretty party were Mrs. Sheppard, Misses Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Arlene Willett of Hamlin, Nell Durham, Fannie Belle Boaz, Willie Evelyn Beaz, Margaret Canon, Mary Collins, Mesdames Bob Mayfield, Ernest Higgins, Orion Tittle, Milton Case, Velmer Shelton, Claude Dye, Edward McCrary, L. C. Zehn-pfennig and J. E. Boaz, Jr.

**FAMILY REUNION.**  
A number of Merkel people enjoyed a family reunion in Thalia last weekend when the children of Mr. and Mrs. John Simms visited them in celebration of Mrs. Simms' birthday, which was Sunday, and Mr. Simms' birthday which was Tuesday, and their wedding anniversary, the eighteenth. Those going from here were M. and Mrs. Fred A. Baker and Miss Edith Baker and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry and family. Mrs. Effie Nash and grandson were there from Quannah, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Simms and family from Thalia and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Phillips, also of Thalia.

**TACKY PARTY.**  
Despite the cold north wind a number of quaint and queer figures were seen on the lawn of the Methodist church Tuesday evening where cars awaited to carry them out to the home of Mrs. Lee Cox, where all are happy to go for a cordial welcome by Mr. and Mrs. Cox always greets their friends and guests. After merry greetings the Kings Daughters class were called to order by the class president, Mrs. C. K. Russell. After a short business session, an impromptu program was rendered. The leaves of time were turned back and the class were girls again for a while and many merry laughs and jokes filled the hour.

Delightful refreshments were served by the hostess to thirteen class members and one visitor, Mrs. J. T. Dennis, who added much to the merry making.  
At a late hour the guests departed declaring it a most happy occasion and hoping in the near future to give an interesting evening to the public.  
—Class Reporter.

**ARMISTICE DAY SOCIAL.**  
On last Friday evening the Young People's league of the Methodist church enjoyed an Armistice Day social.

Games carrying out the Armistice Day theme were played under the direction of Imogene Middleton and impromptu three act plays were given.

Refreshments of weiners, buns and coffee were served to Misses Margaret Turner, Francis Marie Church, Pauline and Marie Pinckley, Addie Fae Patterson, Bessylea Church, Valentine Oliphant, of Quannah, Imogene Middleton, Lois Whiteley, Duncan Briggs, Mildred Richardson, Marcella and Fay Pinckley, Messrs. Paul Collins, Roy Patterson, Vernon Hudson, Alvice Yeats, Charles Tipton, Eugene Murdock, Cephas Wozencraft and Albert Cade.

See our 79 cent blankets. Brown's Bargain Store.

**Baptist Convention**  
(Continued from Page One)  
On Monday and Tuesday preceding the convention, sessions were held by the Woman's Missionary union, an organization auxiliary to the Baptist general convention, and the pastors' and laymen's conference, another convention auxiliary.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

**FEED GRINDING**  
Prices reduced from 15 cents to 12 1-2 cents per 100 lbs. Also bran, cottonseed meal, ground oats and threshed maize for sale.

**E. H. JOWERS**

# CHURCHES

## New Pastor Comes To Nazarene Church

Rev. Cecil Ambrose, Nazarene evangelist and singer from Abilene, is coming to the pastorate of the local Church of the Nazarene. Rev. Ambrose will occupy the pulpit next Sunday and preach on the "Faith of our Fathers." The public is cordially invited.

Rev. Ola Bolls, the pastor last year, is moving to Electra where she will pastor the Church of the Nazarene in that city for the coming year.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**  
Only 611 were present at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday. On the previous Sunday there were 789 in attendance and on the same Sunday a year ago 672.

**BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.**  
All of the regular services next Sunday, morning and evening. B. Y. 1. U. at 6 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. We are planning a home coming Sunday for Sunday School and the 11 o'clock preaching service for the present and former membership of the church and visitors who may want to be in the service.

Cars will be sent for those who want conveyance, if you phone John West.

Special music by the choir. Let's make it a good day for our church.  
W. M. Elliott, Supt.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**METHODIST NEWS NOTES.**  
The Methodist annual conference, which was held at Amarillo last week, was a most pleasant and helpful one. Dr. J. N. R. Score of Houston was asked to deliver four messages, which he did to the delight and profit of all. Dr. Score is serving his seventh year as pastor at Houston.

The next session of the Northwest Texas conference will be at Clearendon.

The ladies of the church are serving a turkey dinner to the stewards and wives next Tuesday.

Sunday morning the new pastor will preach his initiative sermon for the conference year and a full congregation is expected.

At the evening hour all the churches will unite in a Thanksgiving service at our church. Rev. C. R. Joyner will deliver the sermon and Miss Christine Collins will have charge of the musical program.

**HL-LEAGUE PROGRAM.**  
Song.  
Subject: "Ways of Thanksgiving."  
Song.  
Prayer, Lucille Campbell.  
Leader, Charles Tipton.  
"Thanking God for Friendship," Mildred Richardson.  
"Thanking God for Beauty," Duncan Briggs.  
"Thanking God for Creative Ability," Lois Whiteley.  
Penediction.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**  
You are cordially invited to hear Fred McClung next Sunday at 11 a. m. and again at 7:30 p. m. Come study the Bible with us Sunday morning at 9:45 and Wednesday evening at 6:30.

## How One Woman Lost 20 Pounds of Fat

Lost Her Prominent Hips—Double Chin—Sluggishness

Gained Physical Vigor—A Shapely Figure.

If you're fat—first remove the cause!

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The young people have an interesting program for Sunday evening at 6:30. Respectfully, The Elders.

## FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The whole church mourned because of the death of Brother Thurman McCoy and the pastor's heart is sad because he was away at the time the Lord called Thurman home and could not grant his request that his pastor, the one who had led him to Christ, preach at his funeral. That glorious day I had the privilege of leading Thurman to Christ in his own home shall never leave my memory. Midst all the sorrow of our heart, we rejoice to know that he is alive in the spirit to ever be with his Saviour and some day there will be a happy meeting around the throne of God. Brother Pruitt, who was also requested to help in the service, conducted the funeral service. To the bereaved ones we say, "Rejoice because his name was written in the lamb's book of life, and be prepared to meet him at the resurrection."

Our church voted to send messengers to the convention; the question comes, will they be given a seat in the convention? Be at church next Saturday night and hear the conclusion of the whole matter.

Sunday 11 a. m. we have some startling facts to let loose for all who are interested in Baptist affairs. Next Sunday night our subject will be, "How long shall it be until the time of the end?" Sunday 4 p. m. Brother Jasper Masage, the boy preacher, will preach, for us. Singing 2:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

## Loan for Cooper Approved.

Cooper, Texas, Nov. 17.—Loan of \$10,000 requested by the city of Cooper from the Reconstruction Finance corporation, with which to build a sewage disposal plant, has been approved, Mayor W. C. Hazlewood has been advised.

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