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BADGER '33 CAPTAIN TO BE ANNOUNCED AT TO-NIGHT'S BANQUET

Close Season By Defeating Rotan Yellow Hammers 7 to 0; Fifteen Letter Men on Team This Year.

The Badgers won their final game last Thursday. It was the final game of the year and the last game for several Badgers to fight for Merkel High school, town and fans.

The game was a fast game from opening whistle to final crash of the gun. The ball, in the first seven or eight minutes of the game, changed from Badger to Yellow Hammer possession seven times. Excitement had the upper hand of the players. But in the second quarter each team settled down and began playing football. The Yellow Hammers got possession of the ball and started their march toward the "great white line." At last they were stopped on the two yard line with only inches to go for a first down. This was the only threat that Rotan made.

Late in the third quarter the Badgers took possession of the ball on their own thirty yard line and started traveling down the field for the only score of the day. Boaz shoved the ball over the goal line from the four yard line.

The final score was Merkel 7, Rotan 0. The Badgers made eleven first downs to the Yellow Hammers seven. The Badgers had an average of twenty-five yards on punting. Two punts were blocked. The Yellow Hammers had an average of twenty-eight yards.

The Badgers were determined to win this game, as it meant more than the joy they got out of winning it. This final game of the year was also the final game for many of the outstanding players for the Badgers. Nine lettermen of this year will be missing from the line-up in the first game next year when the whistle sounds to play.

The Badgers had fifteen letter men this year. Capt. Mashburn topped the list with four strips and one star. Toombs and Derrick are second with three letters.

The men who lettered this year on the gridiron are:

Patterson, right end.
Cribley, right tackle.
Shouse, right guard.
Gamble, center.
Whiteley, left guard.
Capt. Mashburn, left tackle.
Shannon, left end.
Derrick, quarterback.
Boaz, fullback.
Cade, halfback.
Toombs, halfback.

The others who lettered were: Murray, Moore, Graham, and Durham, making a total of fifteen men. A captain was chosen this week for the squad of '33. The name of the one who was chosen will be announced at the banquet tonight.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, November 29, 1912.)

MR. AND MRS. J. N. TEAFF ENTERTAIN.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff honored their daughter, Miss Ova, Sunday, the occasion being the celebration of her birthday. A well appointed noon day dinner was served. Covers were laid for Misses Fannie Swann, May Lassiter, Susie Penn, Margie Saffle, Cleo Bowler, Dollie and Ova Teaff, Messrs. Otis Barnett, Homer Jobe, Earl Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scott and children and the members of the family.

After dinner musical selections were given by Misses Swann and Bowler, then the birthday cake featured in the pleasure of the young people; first, in the candle blowing contest in which Miss Ova succeeded in blowing out all the candles, while Homer Jobe came one short of the required number; afterwards the cake was cut and Miss Ova received the thimble, Earl Lassiter, the ring, and Homer Jobe, the dime.

Saturday afternoon, Mrs. S. S. Scheidler entertained in honor of her little sons, Mithaeh and Sammie's birthday. The children enjoyed a number of games before being invited in-

to the dining room, the birthday cake was beautifully decorated and was lighted with eight candles, these candles gave out the light by which the refreshments were enjoyed. Those present were Masters Hollis and Buster Haynes, Carlton Dennis, Wilber Douglas, Ray Adkisson, Quay Hamblet, Wiman and Cleburne Rose.

ISOM-HAYNES.

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock Mr. Roy Isom of Abilene and Miss Beulah Haynes of this city were married at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. G. L. Hamilton reading the beautiful and sacred ceremony. After the marriage, infare was given at the home to a few close friends and relatives, the supper marking the ending of a quiet beautiful home wedding.

Miss Winnie Gibson returned to Abilene Tuesday after having spent a few days here with home folks.

Professor Joe Gunn returned from Anson Saturday where he has been attending the Jones county institution.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Alsabrook of Sweetwater were here Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Alsabrook.

BELOVED WOMAN NONAGENARIAN, PASSES AWAY

Death Claims Aunt Lindy Moore, Age 90; Body Shipped Wednesday Night to Dallas for Burial in Family Lot.

Aunt Lindy Moore, age 90 years, 10 months and 20 days, who came to Texas in 1849 in a covered wagon and who was affectionately known by nearly every one in Merkel, passed away at 11:30 Tuesday night after an illness of two weeks at the home of her niece, Mrs. Lucy Bumpass, with whom she had made her home for the past 20 years since the death of her husband.

Funeral services were held at the home of her niece at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Elder W. G. Cypert, and the body was shipped to Dallas by train Wednesday night to be buried in the family lot in Rollins cemetery there.

During her illness, two other nieces, besides Mrs. Bumpass, were in almost constant attendance, Mrs. W. L. Burns and Mrs. Jeanette Cummings, the latter of Dallas, but who came some three months ago to be with her aunt here. Two other nieces, Mrs. Dena Pogue of Cedar Hill, Dallas county, and Mrs. Mollie Counts, of Morgan Mill, Erath county, and two nephews, Dr. J. T. Bernard and J. V. Bernard, of San Antonio, also survive. Her husband died about 20 years ago.

Mrs. Moore had been a member of the Church of Christ since she was 22 years old, her church affiliation dating more than a half century.

Mrs. J. A. Collins.

In a letter to Booth Warren, R. G. (Grady) Collins told of the death of his mother, Mrs. J. A. Collins, on Wednesday, Nov. 23, at Centralia, Mo. She was stricken on Monday, Nov. 21, a relapse of an old trouble. (Continued on Page Four)

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

After a two weeks' illness Delma Compton is able to be up.

Miss Wynona Patton of Abilene spent Thanksgiving at home.

Lewis Tucker of Borger, Texas, is visiting his father, C. L. Tucker.

Miss Phala Diltz, of Abilene, came up to spend Thanksgiving at home.

Mrs. H. R. Horton is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Porter Whitaker, at Necona.

Mrs. Mattie T. Morrison of El Paso is the house guest of Miss Christine Collins.

James Russell spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Sam Nunnally, at Abilene.

Miss Anna Lou Russell came over from Abilene to spend the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis had their son, Alton, from Abilene to visit them on Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Luther Swafford of Kansas City, Mo., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent.

Ross Ferrier, Jr., was up from the University of Texas to spend the holidays with his parents.

Misses Madge and Lillie Dean of Dallas were week-end guests of relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Fred Latham of Trent is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. C. Calvert, and sister, Mrs. C. K. Russell.

Mrs. G. R. Cathey of Coleman, mother of Mrs. Hulsey, is a guest in the Dr. H. P. Hulsey home.

Mrs. O. L. Griswold and little son of Waco are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Campbell.

Mayor W. M. Elliott was in Anson on business Monday. He also drove over to Stamford to visit his mother.

Isadore Mellinger made a holiday visit home from the University of Texas, returning Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas were Thanksgiving day visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hamilton at Loraine.

Miss Ethel Hamilton came home from John Tarleton to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Seth Hamilton.

Ross B. Jenkins, formerly superintendent of the Trent Public schools and now attending A. & M. college, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

R. W. Maxwell, of Abilene, prominent West Texas ginner, was killed Saturday night in an automobile-truck crash near Coleman.

With the aid of saws which had been smuggled into the jail, ten prisoners saved their way out of the Victoria county jail early Wednesday morning.

When fire, starting from an overheated furnace, damaged several rooms at a Mexia elementary school, five hundred children marched out in orderly fashion, believing they were being given another 'practice fire drill.

Although they have not definitely completed any arrangements for a post-season game, the Texas Christian university Horned Frogs were granted permission by the Southwest conference to engage in a post-season game after December 3.

When Jesse L. Hughes, cafe operator of Fort Worth, discovered an attempted robbery of his place of business shortly after midnight Saturday, he killed one of four robbers, the others escaping, although it is believed that one of them was wounded.

Mrs. Mary Hunt Affleck, 85, poet laureate of Texas, died late Monday at the home of her son, T. D. Affleck, at Galveston. She was officially given the title "Poet Laureate of Texas" several years ago by the Daughters of the American Revolution in their state convention.

Operating revenues of Texas railroads fell off 32.5 per cent for the nine months ended September 30, as compared with the same period last year, while operating expenses dropped 27.1 per cent. Revenue for that period aggregated \$85,659,957, while expenses totalled \$69,701,934.

Hearing has been set for Saturday morning at 9 o'clock on the appeal of Attorney General Allred in behalf of the Texas highway commission on an order issued by a Travis county district court restraining the highway department from expending any more money for construction work.

GRAND CHAMPION OF WORLD IS OWNED BY C. M. LARGENT & SONS

Listed Among Seven Of "Distinguished" Tarleton Students

Stephenville, Dec. 1.—Names of seven students, including one from Merkel, accorded the rank of "distinguished students" for 1931-1932 have just been announced by Dean J. Thomas Davis of John Tarleton Agricultural college.

To be listed as a distinguished student, one must make 60 grade points during the year, or the equivalent of "A" in five courses each semester. Those so ranked for last year are: Ethel Hamilton, Merkel; Arthur Deffebach, Ranger; Betty Dunlap, Ranger; Claud Mercer, Comanche; Bob Shuler Smith, Killen; Frances Whitfield, Stephenville; and Gwendolyn Williams, Thurber.

Annual Roll Call Red Cross Members

This week is the time set for the annual membership drive for the Red Cross, which is being directed here by J. T. Warren, Red Cross chairman. Membership dues are \$1.00 per year.

There are two classes, Mr. Warren states, to whom the work of the Red Cross appeals; if you think it is beneficial to this county, you should renew your membership for 1933; if you have shared its benefits in times past, you should want to reciprocate by enrolling now.

F. P. Dickinson is assisting Mr. Warren and the following young ladies are selling membership buttons: Misses Edna Wilson, Stella Wilson, Edith Baker and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas.

Ginnings Short Only 205 Bales of 25,000

When tabulation of cotton ginnings was made by The Mail last week, only five week days were included, up to Tuesday night, Nov. 22, showing 3,051 bales ginned during that period.

In the seven weekdays intervening since that date and up to Wednesday night, Nov. 30, 3,381 bales were ginned at the six plants in Merkel and the three in adjoining communities, Stith, Noodle and Blair.

Ginnings for the season at these nine plants now total 24,795, or approximately 25,000 bales.

While receipts at the gins will fall off from now on, it is estimated that cotton picking will continue until Christmas time, or possibly thereafter.

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More than once in his journeys Jesus had passed the victims of the justice of that day, writhing, tortured beings nailed to crosses and waiting piteously for release. Sometimes they waited for days before the end. The memory of such sights must have been constantly with him; at every sunset he was conscious that he had walked just one day nearer to his own ordeal.

Yet Jesus never faltered. Calmly, cheerfully he went forward, cheering the spirits of his disciples, and striking those fiery blows against hypocrisy and oppression which were to be echoed by the hammer blows upon his cross. And when the soldiers came to arrest him, they found him ready and still calm.

The week of his trial and crucifixion takes up large portion of the gospels. For the week alone we can follow him almost hour by hour; we know where he ate and slept, what he said and to whom; we can trace the gathering storm of fury which finally bore him down. And this is the magnificent thing to remember—that through all that long torture of imprisonment, court trials, midnight hearings, scourgings, loss of food and loss of sleep, Jesus never once ceased to be the master.

His accusers were determined. They thronged the courtyard before the palace, clamoring for his blood, yet even they felt a momentary awe when he appeared before them on the balcony.

Even Pilate felt it. The two men offered a strange contrast standing there—the Roman governor whose lips were so soon to speak the sentence of death, and the silent, self-possessed ex-carpenter—accused and doomed—yet bearing himself with so much majesty, as though he were somehow beyond the reach of man-made law, and safe from the hurt of its penalties.

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Their Hereford Steer, "Texas Special," Adjudged Grand Champion of the Chicago Livestock Exposition.

"Texas Hereford Steer Wins World Grand Championship."

"Texas Steer is Champion of Chicago Show."

"Steer Exhibited by Largent is New International Champ."

Banner headlines in the daily papers, such as the above, tell the story; the supreme title the International Livestock show at Chicago offers—that of grand champion steer—Tuesday went to a 1200-pound Hereford, "Texas Special," owned by C. M. Largent & Sons of Merkel, Texas.

The award was made by Walter Biggar, Scotchman who for years has headed the staff of judges at the international show. The award is the highest in the world and the climax to the livestock phase of the show.

In a wire received by C. M. Largent, Thursday afternoon, Willie Joe Largent in Chicago, whose picture with the grand champion steer appeared in both the Dallas News and Star-Telegram, announced that the champion steer weighing 1,240 pounds was sold for \$1.25 per pound, bringing \$1550 in the sale. The prize money was \$775, the total figure being \$2,325.

In addition to the above, Willie Joe Largent was heard over the National Broadcasting system Wednesday at noon, telling of the West Texas town, the home of the Largents and of the Largent Herefords. In speaking of "Texas Special," Willie Joe Largent told Chicago Newspaper men: "This steer was named after the fastest (Continued on Page Four)"

Pastor Invites Flock For Venison Supper

Members of the congregation of Grace Presbyterian church and of the families of the hunting party, with whom Rev. R. A. Walker enjoyed a Thanksgiving deer hunt in Mason county, were invited guests for a venison supper served by Mrs. Walker and daughters, Misses Vera, Velma and Robbie, assisted by ladies of the church, in the church basement Tuesday evening.

In the hunting party were Messrs. A. R. Booth, Booth Warren, Jim Williamson, Gene Reese and W. S. J. Brown, besides the Presbyterian pastor.

Following impromptu talks by Booth Warren, Rev. E. L. Yeats, Rev. C. R. Joyner and Henry West, a delightful program of instrumental and vocal numbers was rendered.

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BRUCE BARTON

(Continued From Page One.)

In the face of the Roman were deep unpleasant lines; his cheeks were fatty with self-indulgence; he had the colorless look of indoor living. The straight young man stood inches above him, bronzed and hard, and clean as the air of his loved mountain and lake.

Pilate raised his hand; the shouting and the tumult died; a deathly stillness descended upon the crowd. He turned and faced the figure at his side, and from his coarse lips there burst a sentence which is a truer portrait than any painter has ever given us. The involuntary testimony of the flabby cynical Roman in the presence of perfect strength, perfect assurance, perfect calm:

"Behold," he cried, "the man!"

Next Week: The Sociable Man.

COMPERE NEWS

Compere school began its 1932-33 term Monday morning, November 21, with a fair representation of pupils and patrons. The opening address was given by Brother Robinson, Presbyterian minister from Lubbock. Much enthusiasm was shown and the present faculty, which consists of J. M. Taylor, principal, Mrs. J. M. Taylor, intermediate, and Mrs. M. K. Milner, primary, resolved to make this the banner year for Compere school.

Brother Walker of Abilene filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Saturday night and Sunday.

The wedding bells jingled in our community a few weeks ago when Miss Vallie Bonds became the bride of Mr. Burras Davis. The community wishes them much happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith and little daughter of Midland are visiting relatives and friends at this place. M. K. Milner and Frank Merritt have returned from Brownfield, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and family are enjoying a new radio.

Mrs. H. R. Chaney was a visitor in the Edd Spugin home Thanksgiving afternoon.

We are glad to report that the fleecy staple will soon be gathered in our community.

Misses Betty Lou, Grace Lee and Pauline Ramsey were guests at the teacherage Sunday afternoon.

Mattie Horton and Tressie Marshall visited in the Tarpley home Sunday.

Remember, the Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The young people are cordially invited to attend.

Don't miss the box supper Friday night, December 2, at the school building. Come enjoy the fun, and help the school raise funds to buy a piano.

REAGH-MASSEY.

With Rev. Ernest C. Dowell, pastor of the Fundamental Baptist church officiating, Miss Eunice Massey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Massey, and Chester Reagh, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reagh, popular young people of our city, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the pastor's home at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 18. Best wishes for a long and happy married life are being extended the young couple by a host of friends.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson, Monday, November 28, 1932.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Hilton Suher, Monday, November 28, 1932.

CARD OF THANKS.

To all our friends and neighbors, who were so kind and tender in their loving ministrations during the illness and death of our dear daughter, Novia, we are indeed grateful. Your many thoughtful deeds and expressions of sympathy will be cherished long in memory's hall.

Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Garrett and Children.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Dressler and Moran Cure the Depression

The Paramount theatre in Abilene will present another week of banner attractions starting Sunday. Heading the list is none other than America's sweetheart and cowdy pal, Marie Dressler and Polly Moran, in their sure cure for the blues and the depression, "Prosperity." It will be shown on Sunday and Monday. Advance reports hail "Prosperity" as the greatest of all the Dressler and Moran laugh vehicles.

Next in line is "Unashamed" on Tuesday only, a drama of irresponsible youth of today, with an outstanding cast of screen favorites including Helen Twelvetrees, Robert Young, and Robert Warwick.

On Wednesday and Thursday there is George Arliss in his latest picture "A Successful Calamity" with Evalyn Knapp. It is different from the usual Arliss picture and is hailed as one of the season's most delightful comedy dramas.

Edward B. Robinson in "Tiger Shark" will be the attraction on Friday and reveals the star of "Little Caesar" in a highly dramatic role of captain of a fishing fleet who believes his wife unfaithful with one of his under officers and plans typical primitive vengeance only to fall a victim of his own plans.

Saturday brings George O'Brien in "The Girl of the Golden West," the immortal story that has been dramatized time and again and which always meets with the favor of theatre-goers throughout the nation. The usual high grade selection of short subjects accompany the above feature attractions.

RURAL SOCIETY

IMPORTANT MEETING.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club will meet Friday, Dec. 2, at two o'clock with Mrs. J. S. Pinckley. The whole community and especially the old members are cordially invited to be present.

The election of officers is the main business. If you are at all interested in having a club in Salt Branch community please come. The attendance at this meeting will decide whether we will have a club the coming year or not.

Miss Chambers will be present and she wishes each one to bring their canning and other reports.

SMITH CLUB.

The Smith Home Demonstration club meets with Mrs. Sam Mashburn Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Let all members be present and bring a complete report of this year's work.

—Reporter.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the friends and neighbors who gave me a day's cotton picking, also the winners who gave the ginning. May God bless each of you.

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SOUTHLAND GREYHOUND

As It Turns Out—Farina Is a Boy

Farina, famous for "her" smile and kinky pigtails, appears for the first time on the screen as a boy, and in "her" first feature length picture in the forthcoming First National comedy starring Joe E. Brown, "You Said a Mouthful," which comes to the Palace theatre at Sweetwater next Sunday.

Farina, who has been away from the screen for some time doing vaudeville acts, has "grewed up," and it turned out he was a boy all the time. When he turned up at the First National studios seeking a part, he was welcomed with open arms after the first shock of surprise had passed, for it had been impossible to find just the right boy for the important role as Joe's mascot and swimming mentor.

With the pig tails sheared off, Farina was the happiest boy in the world as he began his work with Joe E. Brown. He was overjoyed to be able to work as a boy.

Rib-tickling situations arise from a series of errors in which Joe is taken for a swimming champion and forced to participate in a marathon race although he had never before been in the water. Ginger Rogers who appeared opposite Brown in "The Tenderfoot," is again the leading lady. Others in the cast in-

clude Preston S. Foster, Sheila Terry, Guinn Williams and Harry Gribbon. It was directed by Lloyd Bacon.

Stolen Hogs Recovered.

Deputy Sheriff W. R. Sumpter was instrumental in recovering six O. I. C. hogs, stolen from E. J. Owens, residing 8 miles south of Sweetwater, Saturday of last week. Charges were filed against three men, who it is alleged sold the hogs to another party.

Damaged By Fire.

About 8 o'clock Sunday morning fire was discovered in a car loaded with cotton on the T. & P. siding near the depot. The shipment contained 275 round bales, which had been loaded Saturday from Sam Swann's gin and which were covered by bill of lading from the railroad company. About 70 bales were badly damaged. It is not known how the fire could have got started.

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SPINACH, No. 1 can, R & W, 2 for . . . 25c

Prunes fresh Oregon No. 10 can . . . 37c

CORN, No. 2 can, R & W, 2 for . . . 25c

PEARS No. 2 can R & W . . . 17c

SOUP, R & W Tomato, 2 for . . . 15c

Tomatoes No. 2 can B & W, 2 for . . . 15c

OATS, B & W Glassware, pkg. . . 21c

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COFFEE, R & W, 1 lb. . . 35c—2 lbs. . . 69c

Pecan Halves, lb. . . 39c

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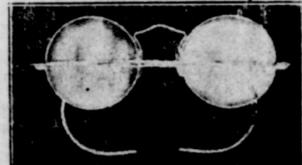
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SENIOR NEWS.

Station S.-e.-n.-i.-o.-r.-s broadcasting from the high school building in Merkel, Texas. If you don't think the Seniors have plenty of pep, you just haven't been around much. We beat Rotan last Thursday, but we wouldn't have if there had not been several Senior boys playing. We are proud of our captain and star players and regret very much that many of them will not get to play next year.

The Seniors had a class meeting last Wednesday morning and you can be sure that pretty soon there is going to be something very interesting for chapel.

Maybe there are a few of the Seniors that are still stuck up over their rings but most of them are coming back to normal again. You know it has been said that there is no person so conceited as a Senior. Don't you believe they have a right to be? Anyway just watch our smoke.

Station S.-e.-n.-i.-o.-r.-s signing off to be with you again next week.

SEZ THE JUNIORS.

Some of the Juniors played their last football game Thanksgiving Day; and did they play "swell!" They played better than they ever had.

Just wait and see if a Junior isn't elected captain of the football team for next year. A Senior really should have the honor of being captain, and we're sure all the Juniors will be Seniors next year. Our class has always been very intelligent. We didn't do so well last year but we're making up for it this year. Just wait and see if one half of our class aren't on the honor roll this next six weeks.

One reason our class is so popular is on account of our sponsor, Mr. Riddle is one of the most popular teachers in high school. And why not? He's a very good debater. Another reason is that he's friendly and he always has something bright to talk about.

The other day in geometry class Miss Patterson asked Kennedy why the periods were exchanged on some days. He said it was fixed that way so the football boys would have to take geometry.

Some boys know how to use their courage in playing football. Mr. Riddle says they seem to be losing it all now that the banquet is getting very close.

FRESHMEN.

Did you know—
 That Elma Tucker has red hair?
 That Horace Boney looks like his brother?
 That Juanita Huskey missed a sentence in English?
 That Miller said, "That there?"
 That Miss Mart'n's desk is a good coat rack?
 That Thelma Patterson is tall?
 That Mollie Frank's red tam was an attraction in history class?
 That Ora Derrick was a good singer?
 That Dot Swafford would look good in red?

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

The high school has had a long season of football and now comes the basketball season. It looks as though the Sophomores are very popular. We have one tall boy who might make center if he will outjump the Junior boy. There is also a prospect of one of the Sophomore boys being elected captain of the football team for next year.

The Sophomores have three or four letter men on the football team this year.

The Sophomores are not so dumb as the upperclassmen might think. Just look at our long tall end that the Sophomores put out this year and the fullback and the quarterbacks. Why, the Sophomores are doing as well as any of the other classes.

The Sophomore football boys and the Pep Squad girls are looking forward to the banquet which is just about to be given. Yes, the Sophomore sponsor, Miss Patterson, is leader of the Pep Squad.

F. U. N. CLUB.

On last Wednesday afternoon after school, we invited the Freshmen girls to the Senior room and gave each of them a little doll representing a Puritan girl. We wished them a very happy Thanksgiving Day.

They seemed just a little embarrassed to be getting dolls, but we imagine there wasn't a one who didn't take her doll home and rock it to sleep. Freshmen girls like to play dolls, we

know, for only last year one girl found some paper dolls in a Freshman book. Maybe some Seniors like to play dolls too. Several were heard to say that they had a good time dressing them.

DRAMATIC CLUB.

Everyone has been enjoying the Dramatic club meeting; therefore be sure and come to our next meeting. We are very sorry but the writup of the last club meeting was unintentionally omitted. We hope that does not happen again.

PEP.

The Pep Squad was thrilled over the outcome of the game Thanksgiving. It meant that they could give a banquet full of pep.

Even though we did win, we feel that Rotan had a good squad.

During the half the Merkel Pep Squad marched on the field with Purple and Gold sticks. The squad formed the "M", gave a drill with their sticks, and spelled Merkel. They then formed an "R", did a drill, and spelled Rotan. Marching off of the field, the squad sang "Hurrah for the Purple and Gold."

TOMFOOLERY.

Duncan: "Great Scott! I've forgotten who wrote 'Ivanhoe'."
 Lucile: "I'll tell you if you'll tell me who the dickens wrote 'The Tale of Two Cities'."
 Lloyd: "What is it that you part your hair with, ride all over town in and feed the baby with?"
 Elon: "Don't ask me."
 Lloyd: "A comb, an automobile and a bottle."

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Irene Jay Dance Revue on Dec. 9th

The Irene Jay Dance Revue will be given at Abilene December 9 in the Fair Park auditorium. Miss Jay and fifty of her pupils, adults and children, will demonstrate all the different types of dancing. Both modern and old-time ball room steps will be exhibited. Popular song and tap numbers are in abundance and all kinds of acrobatics and adagio; ballet and toe dancing will also be seen. The feature dance is a modernistic interpretation of the St. Louis Blues to be done by Miss Jay and a group of her girls. This promises to be an unusual novelty number, being the first of this new type dancing to be given in West Texas. This revue ends the Irene Jay Dance Studio's fifth season in Abilene. Another program will be given the first of June.

104th Grand Jury Returns 15 Bills

Floyd Williams, youthful Abilene negro, was indicted for murder, and charges covering two cases of assault to murder were returned in a report by the grand jury of the 104th district court to Judge Chapman Wednesday afternoon in a batch of 15 bills.

The grand jury, in reconvened session, had been investigating cases since Monday. D. D. Parramore is foreman of the body, which includes one Merkel man, Henry West, in its panel.

FOR SALE.
 Certified Mebane cottonseed direct from Paul M. Mebane farm at Lockhart.
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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Last week in our rush getting news notes ready for the reporter in some way we failed to mention the big deer hunt participated in by some of our gallant men. The party was made up entirely of Trent men consisting of the following: Ed Bowers, T. G. Hamner, Bud Weiser, Malcolm Beasley; and a Mr. King. T. G. killed the deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. D. Martin of Abilene spent the noon hour and a part of the afternoon with Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McLeod of Mineral Wells spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mrs. Sam McLeod and Mrs. W. A. Abbott, and Mrs. Abbott returned home with them.

Quite a number of our people are sick and several children are out of school.

Mrs. Bowers attended to business in Abilene one day last week.

Mrs. T. B. Sorrels and daughters of Fort Worth spent a few days with relatives here last week, including Thanksgiving. They also visited with relatives at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Holts of Myra, Texas, were recent guests of Mrs. Holt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vessels.

Mrs. Joe Alexander and son of Hobbs, N. M., were guests of her mother, Mrs. Annie Boone, a few days last week, remaining over through Thanksgiving. They returned home Sunday.

Wayne Feazel of Fort Worth was dinner guest of Mrs. J. M. Billings and son last Tuesday. He was en route to Hermleigh where he has a position with a gin company there.

Mrs. Glyn Hamner and children of Sweetwater spent a few days with friends and relatives here last week.

Medeah Rawlings of McMurry is spending a few days at home this week.

Hardy Murdock is here visiting a while with his brother, Carl Murdock and family.

Miss Cora Scott of Abilene visited with her brothers, Spurgeon and T. D., and their families last week.

Last Monday evening the Methodist ladies met and quilted 2 quilts. If you need good nice warm quilts see them.

Mr. Buster Edwards and wife spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. 'Edward' mother who lives at Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Roberts and daughter, Billie Ruth, of Jefferson were guest of Mr. Roberts' brother and family last week.

On last Sunday Mrs. R. B. Johnson entertained in her home with a dinner in honor of her husband's birthday. The dinner was a combination of Thanksgiving and birthday. Guests for the affair were Mr. and Mrs. John R. West and Gay of Merkel, Miss Evelyn Ballew, Mr. J. C. Landel, Hamlin, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn and Elizabeth.

Mrs. Lawrence Dowdy returned from Temple last Saturday, having accompanied Mrs. Lee Stevens to the hospital there. Mrs. Stevens' condition is not serious but she remained over for some two or three weeks.

Those attending the funeral of the Scott child that was buried at Hodges last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Scott.

STAG PARTY.

Mrs. T. G. Hamner extended gracious hospitality to the deer hunters on Wednesday evening, Nov. 23, when she, assisted by Mrs. Jack Boone of Memphis, entertained with a most enjoyable stag party. A delectable venison menu was served after which games of auction bridge progressed until a late hour, with Isom Burks winning high score. Guests enjoying the occasion were: Rado Archer, Bud Winters, Leslie and Malcolm Beasley, Johnie Wheeler, John, W. E. and T. G. Hamner, Cecil McRee, Bud and Isom Burks, Alton Boone, Bill Neil, Royce Dowdy, Charley Reed, Jack and Ed Bowers and Elery Smith. Out of town guests were Myrde Manguel of Merkel, King of Llano and Jack Boone of Memphis.

HOME DEMONSTRATION.

The Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. R. L. Reeves on Wednesday, Nov. 23. Miss Chambers, our demonstrator, had planned to be with us but since it was impossible for her to be here she brought the ingredients for a plum pudding. The members made the pudding and also a fudge cake with good results. Recipes for these and cookies were given to each member present. A business meeting was called to order and officers elected for the coming year as follows: Mrs. A. C. Wash, president; Mrs. Tom Williamson, vice-president; Mrs. T. G. Hamner, secretary-treasurer; Mesdames John Payne, M. G. Scott and R. L. Reeves, program com-

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mittee; Mesdames Alex Williamson, John Strawn and Ed Burks, finance committee; Mesdames Bud Burks, Ida Williamson and Ray Stewart on exhibition committee; Mesdames Stanley Armour, M. G. Scott and Volley Vessel on membership committee, and Mrs. Ben Howell as council member. Dec. 14 we are to meet at Mrs. Williamson's for a Christmas tree. Every member come and bring a gift.

MR. AND MRS. TOM VESSEL HOSTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vessel were most gracious host and hostess to their children Sunday with a real Thanksgiving dinner. The dinner was a three course affair, with the afternoon devoted to get-together talks of old times and of childhood days. The children present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Vessel and Dorothy, Talmadge, Ophelia and Waymon, Mr. and Mrs. Volley Vessel and Darrance, Mr. and Mrs. Bowdy Vessel and Ann Etta, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Holt of Myra, Texas, and Haney, Pink and Fanny Vessel.

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.

BLAIR ITEMS

Thanksgiving was very quiet, except for some visitors in town and others going out of town.

Monta J. Moore who is attending Texas Tech at Lubbock spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore.

Miss Neda Bell of Merkel spent Sunday with her cousin, Miss Mary Hutcheson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears and daughter, Miss Zuma, enjoyed a mid-week visit with another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Chalmer Patterson, at Lubbock.

Mrs. Susie Doan accompanied Mrs. Mae Horton of Merkel to the homes of the former's sons, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan, at Rotan, and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan, at Roscoe, the past weekend.

John B. Hughes and G. W. Hughes attended a football game at Fort Worth recently.

Hurley Toombs of Merkel visited in the Hugh Campbell home Tuesday.

Mrs. Fate Scoggins has returned home after several weeks' stay at her father's death bedside. Mr. and Mrs. Scoggins have the deepest sympathy of a large circle of friends.

Rev. Click, pastor of the M. E. church, delivered wonderful discourses at the morning and evening hours Sunday. Using the texts Isaiah 38:17 and Daniel 5th chapter, he praised spiritual fervor and intellectual integrity, emphasized the destroying power of sin and stressed the willingness and power of God to pardon and forgive the sinner.

The Rev. Walker, able pastor of the Baptist church, is to fill the pulpit Sunday morning and evening and the public is invited to attend these services.

Fred Johnson and R. B. Horton visited relatives at Roscoe over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Phillips of Rotan were Thanksgiving guests of

their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Mrs. M. A. Douglas had as her Saturday night and Sunday guests, her daughter and granddaughters, Mrs. O. E. Skidmore and daughters, Misses Nona and Ruby.

Misses Lillie and Madge Dean of Dallas were guests in the E. M. Deane home during the Thanksgiving holidays. Miss Madge will probably stay here for some two weeks and visit friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and daughters attended the box supper at Galon last Friday night.

Mr. Thomas Harris of Vincent was a recent guest in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.

Guests in the J. H. Clark home Thanksgiving were: Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Clark of South Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie West of Merkel and Mrs. B. C. Tipton and son, Charles Tipton, formerly of Wichita Falls but now living in Merkel where Charles is attending school.

Mrs. Carey's father, Mr. P. Smith, and her brother, C. L. of Cross Plains were guests in the Carey home last Sunday week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McRee and two daughters of Lubbock visited in the J. L. McRee home during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Those shopping in Abilene Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Irvin, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and family and Mrs. M. A. Douglas.

The Union Ridge school has progressed nicely for six weeks. We are hoping our school will increase in students after Christmas.

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CHURCHES

Leonard Reeves Named President Senior BYPU

The Senior B. Y. P. U. organized Sunday, Nov. 27, with the election by vote of the church of Leonard Reeves as president. Misses Parrish and Fannie Bell Boaz were appointed group captains. A nominating committee, composed of Mr. Comer Haynes, Busie Boaz and Miss Carrie Coffey, was appointed to select officers for the union.

We want a large crowd out next Sunday; so let's everybody come and get right into the work. We need you there and you need to be there. We have a good president. So, come on, young folks, and let's back him up. He can't have a good B. Y. P. U. without our help. So come and let's all get started together and work together.

—Reporter.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Prayer meeting for officers and teachers 9:45. Preaching services 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Following B. Y. P. U.'s will have their meetings at 6 p. m.: adult, seniors, intermediates and juniors. We are reorganizing these unions; it is our desire that each member in church will find his place in one of these unions.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

Subject: "First things first."
"The main task of a Christian," Sarah Sheppard.

"When did the Missionary movement begin?" Margaret Miller.

"Jesus commanded us to carry on His work," Jo Earl Lassiter.

"The Great Need of the World today," John A. Jones.

"What can we do?" (1) "Realize our individual responsibility," Thelma Matthews; (4) "Talk enthusiastically about Jesus," Victor Joyner; (5) "Live for Jesus," Horace Boney; (6) "Give our money," Coehne Morrison.

Everyone please be present next Sunday night. A cordial invitation to everyone. Come and bring someone else.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Discussion One—"In the year that..." Mary Parrish.

Discussion Two—"Perishing for lack of vision," Miss Carrie Coffey.

Discussion Three—"Perishing for lack of knowledge," Ted McGehee.

Discussion Four—"Perishing for lack of a life principle," Bussey Boaz.

Discussion Five—"Taking sides with Jesus," Vernie Derrick.

Discussion Six—"A new missionary spirit," Chas. Tipton.

Discussion Seven—"A new searching of hearts," Mrs. Ted McGehee.

Bible quiz—Miss Nell Swann.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Thanks to the ladies of the church for the splendid program and pageant given last Sunday night.

Class pictures will be made next Sunday morning for our church annual. Let us have a good attendance.

The stewards of the church ought to be praised for the earnest and business-like methods with which they are starting off the new year. If such is continued, it will spell success.

Preaching next Sunday, morning and evening, by the pastor.

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Revival Begins at Church of Nazarene

The local Church of the Nazarene is starting a Pre-Christmas revival Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock, with Rev. Cecil Ambrose, the new pastor, who is a former evangelist and gospel singer, doing the preaching. Services every evening next week.

Mr. A. P. Rule and wife, evangelist singers from Abilene, will be in charge of the music, with a special song service and musical numbers each night.

Some of the topics which the Rev. Mr. Ambrose will discuss in his sermons are: "The Way of the Cross," Thursday evening of this week, and Sunday morning "The Trimmed Lamp" will be the subject. Thursday of next week Rev. Ambrose will preach the first of a series of sermons on "The End of the Three Ages of the World." Services every night and the public is cordially invited to attend every service.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. and N. Y. P. S. at 6:45. Special young people's program arranged by the pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

With reports from all six Sunday Schools in Merkel included there were only 607 present last Sunday. This compares with 698 on the previous Sunday, (five schools reporting,) and with 698 on the same Sunday a year ago.

PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Evening service at 7 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

A cordial welcome is extended to strangers to worship with us.

W. M. Elliott, Supt.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Under the supervision of Fred McClung, minister of The Church of Christ, and the elders there will begin a series of meetings next Sunday at the church building on the North Side. These meetings might be styled a lecture course. They will be composed of a sermon by each one of a group of the A. C. C. preachers who are among the best from there.

There will be special singing along during the meetings by visiting singers, especially on the two Sundays with as much as can be arranged for between them during the week.

Circulars announcing the meeting, speakers and time for each speaker will be put out later. Watch for them and come be with us at all these meetings that you possibly can. There is a

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FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

"Hell turned loose in Merkel" is our subject for next Sunday night. Such questions, as these will be answered: who are the bootleggers in Merkel? why do they continue in business? why do preachers not preach against sin? what's wrong with Merkel?

Next Sunday at 4 p. m. Brother Griffin will preach on "The Ten Commandments." Preaching every Saturday night. By request we preach Saturday night on "What is a Fundamentalist?" We had a fine service last Sunday night; two young people gave their lives to the Lord. Last Sunday we baptized and will baptize next Sunday.

I am asking everybody who has been helped by our services to write us a letter and if possible send us a contribution on the nice tabernacle. We want to welcome everybody to our services.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

"Texas Special"

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train in Texas. I guess it was a good name to pick."

"Texas Special" was bred by D. F. Mayberry on his Fisher county ranch. Mayberry bought his foundation herd, one bull and eleven cows, from Largent many years ago. So when "Texas Special" bought by the Largent's at the Dallas State Fair, entered the Chicago International under Largent colors, he was in a sense returning to his ancestral home.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On Thursday evening of last week Mrs. Lee Roy Jinkens entertained in honor of the fifth birthday of her daughter, Laverne. The honoree received many lovely gifts.

Games were played until the little guests were called into the dining room where a color scheme of pink and green was carried out.

Hot chocolate with marshmallows and cake were served to Laverne, Norma Jewel and Donald Jinkens, T. C. Jinkens, Jeanne Sloan, Charles Williams, Dorothy and Geraldine Jinkens, Billy Joe White, Maurine and Ada Bell Steele and Betty June Toombs.

PERSONALS

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tertained her mother, Mrs. J. N. Powell, and her sister, Miss Clementine Powell, of Leonard.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coit and children of Dallas were holiday visitors with Mrs. Coit's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren, returning home Friday. Miss Mildred Pender of Abilene, a niece of Mr. Warren, was also a holiday guest in the Warren home.

T. T. Davis, who had the misfortune of bruising his hand at a local gin, was taken to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium Friday when the injured hand showed signs of infection. Friends will be glad to learn he is doing nicely and is expected home the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Horton and son, Robert, of Arlington, Texas, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Horton and his father, H. R. Horton, of Noodle. They report a very good time and plenty of good eats, with lots of turkey and trimmings for the Thanksgiving feast. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ball and children of Nolan were also holiday guests in this home.

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Obituary.

(Continued from Page One.) which necessitated an operation. She was buried at Centralia at her request. Nine of the thirteen grandchildren were present, as was also the son, Grady Collins, and two daughters, Mrs. Grafford, and a step-daughter.

Mrs. Collins, it will be remembered, built the Collins House, which is now the Hamilton hotel. They left here about 12 years ago.

Patricia Ann Foy.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Friday, Nov. 18, for Patricia Ann Foy, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foy. The little girl was born at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium and lived only a short while. Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, conducted services at the home of Mrs. Foy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry West, with interment at Rose Hill cemetery. Mrs. Ernest Old feelingly sang, "Little Pink Rose" during the service.

The Mail joins with many friends of the young father and mother in extending deepest sympathy over the loss of their little daughter.

Among those from out of town for the funeral were: Mrs. H. F. Foy, of Baird, her paternal grandmother; Mrs. Bessie Short, Mrs. J. R. Latimer, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Snider, aunts, of Baird; Mrs. Carl Springer, an aunt, of Eastland; also Mesdames Robert Walker, Bill Work, Bill Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Russell, of Baird, and Mrs. A. L. Lee of McGregor.

Novia Garrett.

Death, attributable to diphtheria.

claimed Novia Reynalda Garrett, age 14, on Thursday, Nov. 23, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Garrett of Mt. Pleasant. She was born May 31, 1918, and attended the school at Mt. Pleasant. She was loved by everyone who knew her and, besides her parents, she leaves to mourn her going two sisters, Mrs. Robert Riney and Miss Una Garrett; three brothers, Ralph, I. V. and Charles E.; Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Garrett, of San Angelo, grandparents; Mrs. Farris, of Maverick, maternal grandmother, and the following uncles and aunts: Mr. and Mrs. Coy Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Garrett, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Abe Price, all of San Angelo; Hubert Farris, Amarillo; Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Priddy, Stamford; Albert Farris, Kilgore; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Farris, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Toney, Stamford, and one great uncle, Henry Farris, of Sweetwater.

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