## THE MERKEL MAIL

DEATH OF WELL
KNOWN FARMER,
MASONIC LEADER
SAN ANTONIO PLANS TO ask for frelcht cars TO SHELTER HOMELESS
M. C. Graham, 59, Passes Away
At 12:30 Tuesday Noon; Bur-
ial Thursday Morning in Rose
Hill Cemetery
 ial Thursday Morning in Rose

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO



## FRANCE AND BELGIUM TO DEFAULT, WHILE ITALY, GREAT BRITAIN PAY OFF

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THE FIRST MIRACLE.

## The Gospels tell a different story.

 Lincoln would be if we were given nothing of his boyhood and oung manhood, very little of his work in the White House and very detail of his assassination. All or the four gospels conxais ery full accounts of the weeping which attended the cruci miracle as performed.It was in the little town of Cana, not far from Nazareth; and uch a celebration continued several days. Everybody was expected to enjoy himself to the utmost as long as the food and drink ooth food and drink should last a long time.
both food and drink should last a ong time.
Enthusiasm was at a high pitch on this occasion when a servant entered nervously and whispered a distressing message to the
Mostess. The wine had given out.
Most of the guests were too busy to note the entrance of the
servant or the quick flush that mounted to the hostess's cheek. servant or the quick flush that mounted to the hostess's cheek.
But one woman's sight and sympathy were keener. The mother of Jesus saw every move in the little tragedy, and with that instinct which is quicker than reason she understood its meaning. She leaned over to her son and confided the message.



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-Will run a gas refrigerator for over 3 days

## WITH Natural GAS



THE MERKEL MAIL Entered at the postoffice at Merkel, SUBSCRIPTION RATES Anywhere else Advertising Rates On A pplication. cards of thanks, etec., are classed as ativertising, and
T. \& P. is Offering
Even Lower Trip
Rates for New Year
Santa Claus will arrive at morning at 10 o'clock.


## we RED AWHITE <br> SPECIALS <br> for friday \& saturday

| 1Red \& White TOY STORE For $\quad 39$ |
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 BANANAS, nice large fruit, pound LETTUCE $\begin{gathered}\text { treater cripe } \\ \text { zere } \\ \text { 9c }\end{gathered}$ resolutions on the death To the Worshipful Master, War-
dens and Brethren of Mertel, Lodge
Tumber 710, A. F. and A. M., we, your CRaNBERRIES, Ib. 15 c CHERRIES, No. 2, Red Pitted, 2 for $\quad 27 \mathrm{c}$ \& 1 - 10 lbs pure cane
PINEAPPLE, No. 2 can, B \& W, broken slice, 2 for
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## THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published wookly by tho students of Merkel High School and

## The Staff:

Editor-in_Chief-Mildred Richard. Sports Editor-Howard Stanley.
son.
Society Editor-Opal Assistant
soditor-Florene Rider SENIORS OF
Come one, come all, Ye Seniors get up every morning.
Jack Patterson wants
him some knowla to give $\begin{array}{ll}\text { is expected of the Seniors of } & 32\end{array}$ December $27,7: 15$ o'clock, at at CHAPE On Wednesday morning, Dec.
Sergeant Leonard, former baseb
star and World War veteran, spo star and World War veteran, spo gcant Leonard told us the story
his life as a soldier, beginning his joining the Canadian army an
taking his story up to the present taking his story up to the present.
Sergeant Leonard first joined Sergeant Leonard first joined
army solely for the purpose of obtaining a beautiful uniform.
thought parading and "showing of were the only things a soldier ha
to to do, but that was before he got
Before he got out he learned wh
a soldier had to do rible thing
gave us some front and described a soldier's lif
in a very impressive manner. also paid
soldier. Leonard the things us and which Sergean is well
worth remembering was the defini-
tion of a soldier. "A soldier," he
said "is a man who is willing to lay SENIOR NEWS.
It seems from the looks of the
Senior room that nearly all the
Seniors have "flu." All those at
school seem drowsy, but most likely
by next Wednesday everyone will be
at his beat because Christmas will
be here!
The Seniors wish everyone a very merry Chri"mas. Every Senior
planning a big Christmas.
"Rosie" Van wants Santa to brin隼 a "kiddie-car." Annie Opa wo-in-one tablecloth like James's. - RESHMEN.
The "flu" The "flu" has caused so much sickness this six weeks that only a few
Freshmen could attend school enough hope to bring t hope to
time.
We a

## very glad to have Miss Mar Things do not

I her out.
ORE NEWS.
basketball has been put of but the coach is back an mores have a good many basketbal players in their class this year.
Miss Patterson has been sick long time but she is back now and we we feel as though she ought to b here all the time.
The Sophomore class as a whole is among the best mores school. Las year the Sophomores did not do so
well, as they were at the end of the list every time, but this year it is
diffierent. We have built up a name and we intend to keep going and make
gris JUNIOR'SCHATTERBOX.
The other day the Juniors were
giet for seven whole minutes. Can Ceature that? Well, we did, or
racher Mr. Riddle kept us in until
we were quiet and that was seve we were
minutes.
"flu" but most of them are back-
And for that w" And for that we're certainly proud.
Mr. Riddle Mr. Riddle says it is two more
weeks until Santa Claus will come. onder how he knows? We suppos We know old Santa won't forget s. Some of us already have our
uinds made up. Mr. Riddle will be are and
eking.
Julia ad everythis a doll that will "talk Lois whants a little red wagon with sen whe会 David wants David wants
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listed the Girls." "How Wande wants all our plans, 'gee whiz,' this doggozn
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kiddies out of school, makes folks for get the golden rule, makes empt oft in every church and chores ar
oft left ithe lurch. But some day
we shall live again men and like men and for a season
will be thru with aches and pains that folks call flu."
SISTER SUE. Dear Sister Sue: Caribel and
are in a terrible predicament. W absolutely cannot keep our shoulder
up, or stand correctly. What, What can we do?
Sincerely yours, Duncan.
Dear Caribel and Duncan: I sug
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Where Does She Get Her "Pep?"



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teacher of mathematics: "So you
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ve 1
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Miss Martin: "If you had ten potatoes and had to divide them among
three persons, what would you do?"

Horace rushed in from school with
his hair rumpled, clothes soiled, and
hands dirty, and sat down at the ta-
ble. $\mathrm{Hi}_{\mathrm{s}}$ mother said, "What would
you say if I came to the table looking
the way you do?" Horace looked at
his mother awhile and then replied "I think I would be too polite to say
anything."

## RURAL SOCIETY

## THE STITH CLUB

 The Stith Home Demonstrationclub met last Friday with Mrs. Sam were present: Mrs. Elbert West Mrs. C. L. Daniel, Mrs. Walter Kel-
so, Mrs. Guy Glenn, Mrs. Munday, Mrs. Mashburn and Miss Louise Hud-

A resume of the year's work was given, and plans made for the com-
ing year. Over 5,000 containers of food were canned by 20 women who
The next meeting will be December 6 with Mrs. Shaw when the following program will be renedred: Scripture reading, Mrs. Sam Mash "Why We Celeb
Mrs. Guy Glenn.
Duet, Mrs. Clark Mundy, Miss Hud-
"What Christmas Mes,
Mrs. Egar Bradley.
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Nazarenes Conclude Revival Next Sunday
The revival at the leaal church of the Nazarene which has been in progrees over two Sundays was suspend
ed tor a fev days during the cold weather, but resumes metings Thurs-


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[^0]:    The war debt situation at a glance
    France defaults payment of $\$ 20,000,000$ interest on huge war Ioan; Premier Herriot and cabinet quit; he advocated payment naccepatall mert, with reservations (which would have been encorsing a plan to withhold payment until the United States
    end agrces to a revision.
    Belgium defaults payment of $\$ 2,125,000$ installment due December is; Government resigns after voting unanimousl

    Great Britain, owing more than any other country, $\mathbf{\$ 9 5 , 5 5 0}$ 000 , was due to pay off in New York Thursday. The paymen will in gold.
    Italy's payment of $\$ 1,245,000$ already has been made.

