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TEXAS HEREFORD WINS SECOND AT AMERICAN ROYAL

Largents Show Best Steer of Breed, Placing Second to Grand Champion of Show; Other Winnings As Well.

Kansas City, Oct. 25.—With the best of America's beef animals parading in the ring of the American Royal Livestock show Monday, a Texas steer bid closely for the honor of being the best in the show. It was the best Hereford steer, the champion of that breed.

The steer was shown by Willie Joe Largent of Merkel, Texas. He is the son of C. M. Largent. Largent showed the grand champion steer last year and it looked for a time as if he would be the winner again this year. But an Angus steer, the entry of Henry Marshall, newspaper publisher of Lafayette, Ind., was named grand champion.

The Texas Hereford placed second to the grand champion of the show. It was a marvelously compact, smooth animal, a fine example of the blood that has transformed the Texas Longhorn, through breeding up with Hereford bulls, and the other range cattle into efficient meat producing animals. The Largents have demonstrated year after year their ability to breed and show winning animals at the Royal as well as at other shows.

C. M. Largent and Sons continued in other winnings. Their Jim Reed Domino was the champion fat steer among the Herefords. They placed a bull calf second, Publican Domino 4th Jr., and a young bull calf first in his class, Publican Domino 26th.

Another big honor that Texas has taken at the show has been the college stock judging championship. The Texas A. & M. college was awarded first place trophy and Texas Technological college placed a close second.

Wins Honor In Beauty Operators' Contest

Mrs. Lala Hayes Allen, representing the Womack Beauty shop of Denton, won the silver loving cup in finger waving over 300 contestants at the convention held by Sellers' wholesale beauty supply house in Fort Worth last week.

Mrs. Allen, it will be remembered, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hayes, esteemed Merkel citizens.

Hauptmann Trial Set.

Flemington, N. J., Oct. 25.—Bruno R. Hauptmann will go on trial Jan. 2, 1935, charged with the murder of Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh's infant son, who was kidnaped from the Lindbergh home at Hopewell in 1932.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, October 30, 1914.)

THE BREEZY CORNER!

Don't Chase Time—carry it in your pocket. We will sell you an A-1 watch for a very small price, or a better one for just a little more. We repair watches and all kinds of jewelry.

Sublett, The Jeweler, at Mrs. E. M. Rust's Drug Store.

Generate Prosperity—Wear Suits that are neatly cleaned and pressed—Do you? Ladies' work a specialty. The Star Store Tailor Shop. C. L. Cash, Proprietor.

Good Eats Make good Feelings! Try us when Hungry. Hotel-De-Hamburger. Hamburger and Chili—all Hot! Sharp and McLauren Hogue-Hamilton Stand.

Clean Clothes—You Feel Better. Our Laundry, taken up on Monday and Tuesday, returns on Friday and Saturday. Called for and delivered to your home. Satisfaction guaranteed. G. B. Church, At City Barber Shop.

People Forget—While We Work. They are entertained by Mutual Moving Pictures. A good show all the Time.

5 and 10 cents. The Royal Theater.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

J. E. Williams, 18, was smothered to death when cottonseed caved in on him at a San Angelo oil mill.

Tom Mix, while showing his circus at Laredo, signed a contract to return to the movies, Het Manheim, California studio executive having flown there to complete negotiations.

A local option election on sale of 3.2 beer has been ordered in Tarrant county for November 6, date of the general election. Beer has been legal there since the state-wide election last year.

Three masked men Monday night robbed Max Glazer, president of a Dallas soft drink manufacturing plant, of \$2,300 in cash and checks in a holdup on the edge of the downtown section.

Congressman Marvin Jones of the Amarillo district leaves Monday on a speaking tour for the democratic party, which will take him through Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Illinois and Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff Nash were killed instantly and their two-year-old child died shortly afterward when their car was demolished by a passenger train in a grade crossing accident near Smithville.

The public works administration has allotted \$1,933,468 for an army hospital at Fort Sam Houston to replace temporary structures erected before the World War, which are dilapidated and unsafe.

Robert Smith, husky 25-year-old negro, was killed instantly before hundreds of boxing fans when struck on the head by Soldier Hicks, professional carnival boxer, at the Jasper County Fair at Kirbyville.

D. E. Dodd, a carpenter, had a narrow escape from death when he plunged three flights down an elevator shaft at Wichita Falls. Dodd was at work on a building when a slip of the foot precipitated him down the shaft.

Bryan Bradbury, of Abilene, young democratic nominee to the legislature from the 116th district, was presented to the house one day this week by Speaker Coke Stevenson, responding in a talk of less than one minute.

Maj. Gen. A. L. Wood, 96-year-old veteran of Houston, will again head the Texas division of the United Confederate veterans, he having been elected division commander at the annual convention at Mineral Wells last week.

The second trial of C. B. Yarbrough of Belton, charged with murder for the burning to death of his foster-daughter, Doris, 16, was continued at Waxahachie until the January term of court, because of the absence of a material witness. Verdict in his first trial of 25 years was reversed.

MOST SHRUBS IN HIGHWAY PLOT STILL LIVING

Only One Arizona Cypress Lost Out of Original Lot of 25; Further Plans Being Made as Time to Plant Nears.

Out of 25 Arizona cypresses planted in the highway beauty plot along the railroad right-of-way early in the year at the instance of the local highway beautification committee, it is found that 24 are alive and healthy, only one having been lost thus far.

A check-up by Mrs. R. A. Burgess, committee chairman, also reveals that there are 30 bear grass plants thriving as well as all the cedars, which is most encouraging from the standpoint of first year accomplishments. However, only two of the redbuds have survived.

Mention was made recently in The Mail of work done by the city forces in cleaning up the plot, plowing a ditch around it and otherwise building up the premises.

It is hoped and urged by the committee that civic pride may be still further encouraged and inspired and when planting time comes again, more shrubs and plants may be added to the plot.

Mrs. Burgess, accompanied by Mrs. Herbert Patterson, had the privilege Saturday of hearing a talk by Mrs. Frank W. Sorrell, of San Antonio, chairman of a state-wide women's organization co-operating with the Texas highway commission in highway beautification. Mrs. Sorrell spoke to a gathering of representatives from division 8, highway beautification group, comprising 12 counties, at the city hall auditorium in Abilene.

One of the thoughts left by Mrs. Sorrell in stressing the importance of highway beautification is quoted, for the benefit of all those interested but who did not get to hear her:

"A spot of natural beauty as a tourist enters a town gives a first, and often the most lasting impression. Like a beautiful home with a badly kept front door to greet a guest a city without beautiful highway entrances is at a handicap to leave a pleasant picture with its guests—the state's tourists—regardless of how attractive its streets and parks may be."

Nov. 10 Is Deadline On Excess Certificates In the National Pool

Under a time extension announced this week, cotton producers have until November 10 to enter their excess cotton certificates in the national pool at Washington, D. C.

Taylor county certificates are to be turned in at the office of Agent C. Metz Heald, who will forward them to Washington in time to participate in the pool. Certificates representing more than one million pounds of tax exempt cotton already have been sent in from this county.

Mrs. Minnie Peterson Is Claimed By Death

A heart affliction was assigned by the attending physician as the cause of the death of Mrs. Minnie Peterson, age 26, wife of Joe Peterson, who was found dead at her home about 2:30 Tuesday afternoon when one of her nieces returned from school. The Petersons occupy the same home with one of her brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Massey, but no one was at home when she succumbed.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon from the Northside Missionary Baptist church, conducted by Rev. Ernest C. Dowell, the pastor, assisted by Elder W. G. Cypert, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Peterson is survived by two children by her first marriage, who are living with her first husband's uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hodges, at Fort Worth; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Massey; four brothers, Ed, Hugh, Jack and Charlie Massey, and three sisters, Mrs. Charlie Gouge, Mrs. Roy Martin, both of Merkel, and Mrs. R. N. Gouge, Weatherford.

The two children of Mrs. Peterson, who came from Fort Worth to attend their mother's funeral, returned home Thursday.

NEARLY 100 PER CENT PRESENT AT FIRST LUNCHEON

Newly Organized Civic Club Has Abilene Guests for Opening Program; To Meet First and Third Tuesdays.

When the newly organized Merkel Lions club met Tuesday at the American cafe for their first regular luncheon, the attendance was very near 100 per cent.

Three visitors from Abilene were welcomed guests: Joe Williamson, insurance man; Russell Stephens, local salesman and past secretary of the Abilene Lions club, and Ray Roe, chief of the Abilene fire department. The two first named are members of the neighboring city Lions club.

President Jones announced in opening the luncheon program that a strict observance of the one hour limit would be adhered to. After the invocation by Supt. Burgess, Secretary Yates Brown reported details of the directors meeting and the personnel of the committee chairmen, as designated by the president and confirmed by the directors. (This list of committees was published in The Mail last week.)

As spokesman for the visitors, Russell Stephens made an interesting and appealing talk on Lonism and civic-mindedness, after which he introduced Chief Ray Roe, whose lecture on "Fire Prevention" was illustrated by four actual, optical demonstrations.

Henry West, recently appointed a member of the Taylor county relief board, asked for the endorsement of the Lions club of a local relief committee, members of which had been selected prior to the organization of the club, explaining that such a committee could be of great assistance not only in functioning with him but in originating and outlining projects of a local nature and in furthering the success of relief work.

This committee, consisting of Dee Grimes, S. D. Gamble and C. J. Glover, was unanimously endorsed by vote of the club membership.

Club luncheons will be held twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays. Next luncheon date is Tuesday, November 6.

A. C. C. Shows Largest Enrollment In History

Abilene, Oct. 25.—With several students still expected to register for part time work, Abilene Christian college has begun its twenty-ninth annual session with the largest enrollment in the history of the school, showing an increase of 15 per cent over this time last year, with an increase of 69 per cent from that of three years ago.

Including all departments, the regular college department, the elementary and high school divisions and the extension department, there is a total of 1,006 students enrolled in the college.

Among the Merkel students enrolled are: Marshall Stalls, graduate of Merkel High in 1932, freshman; Maurice Cox, graduate of Roby High in 1930, freshman; Miss Leola Varner, graduate from A. C. C. academy, 1934, freshman and member of the home economics club in the college.

Miss Marjorie Adrian of Trent is a Sophomore in the college, a member of the Girls' Pep Squad, the Press club and the A. Capella chorus.

Week's Local Ginnings Run Only 105 Bales

No material change was made during the week in the total ginnings at the five plants here and those at Stith, Blair and Noodle. The tabulation by The Mail last week accounted for 6,876 bales for the season and this week the figure is increased by only 105 bales to a season's total of 6,981. Up to the same date last year 12,959 bales had been ginned at these plants.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Crisp, Sunday, October 21, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Jess Dudley, Trent, Tuesday, October 23, 1934.

Sack Supper Nov. 2.

There will be a sack supper at the Union Ridge school house on Friday night, November 2. Come and bring some one with you.

Notorious Killer Makes Last Stand On an Ohio Farm

East Liverpool, Ohio, Oct. 25.—The long arm of the department of Justice caught up with Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, violent criminal of the Ozarks, near here Monday, and snuffed out his life in a hall of rifle, pistol and machine gun bullets.

Federal agents and police came upon the No. 1 public enemy at a lonely farm, seven miles north of this city, in a section much like the country where he was born and raised.

Fifty or more shots rang out as the officers halted the criminal's flight, and he fell mortally wounded, unable to use either of the two automatics he was carrying, one of them in his hand.

Classes of Adult School Open Friday

Approval from Ausin of Merkel's adult school has just been received and school will open Friday night of this week. Miss Margaret Turner has been approved to teach mathematics and English, and Miss Mary Pence to teach music appreciation.

Those interested in Miss Turner's classes will meet at her home on Oak street at the following hours Friday: mathematics, 7 to 8:30 p. m.; English, 8 to 4:30 p. m.

Those to take Miss Pence's course in music will meet at her home Friday, either at 9 a. m. or 2 p. m.

Many have expressed themselves as being interested in having classes in cooking and clothing taught. Women interested in forming such a class for five afternoons or evenings per week are requested to meet at the High School building on next Monday evening at 7:30 to see if there are enough to justify such a class, if a place may be had for teaching this work, if hour of meeting can be agreed upon, or any other matters that must be attended to before application can be made for a teacher. These matters must have attention first.

Will Buy More Cattle.

Kansas City, Oct. 25.—The AAA has authorized purchase of 565,000 more head of drouth cattle in the Southwest. D. R. Smith, field agent in charge of seven states, announced here Wednesday.

BADGERS TAKE ON WINTERS AS FOE THIS WEEK

Local Boys Face Hard Battle. With Probability of Three-Strong Men Out of Line-up. Game Starts at 3 p. m.

When Merkel takes the field against Winters on the local gridiron Friday, McAninch, big left tackle, and Robertson, left guard, will be missing because of injuries received in the Roscoe game. It is also doubtful if Boaz, key man and captain, will be able to play because of a knee injury he received in the same game.

The team will be greatly weakened by the loss of these men, as the back field is built around Boaz, while McAninch is the attraction in the line.

Winters won first place in their district last year, and according to present dope are likely to repeat this season.

The game is due to start at 3:30 p. m.

Plowboys Win Over Badgers By Big Odds

With a sunsway victory over Merkel last Friday, the Roscoe Plowboys served a loud threat notice on district 13 teams. The score was 32 to 0.

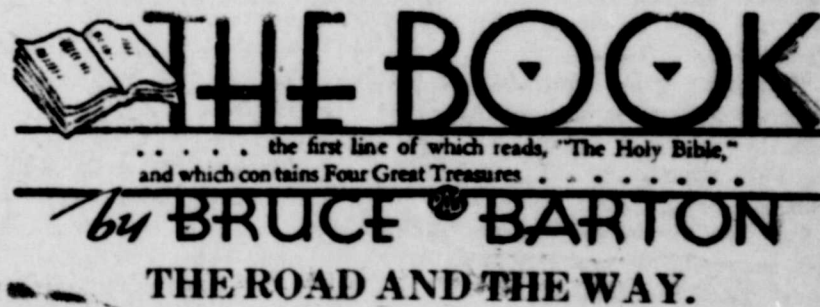
The Plowboys scored the first time they got the ball, culminating a 65-yard march down field, and throughout the afternoon had everything their own way.

Merkel took the initial kickoff and advanced to the Plowboys' 40-yard line before kicking. Thereafter the Badgers were bottled up in their own territory.

M. Jones, Plowboy full back, who scored two of the touchdowns, had been out since the Colorado game with a bad knee, but he returned plenty strong against the Badgers. Other touchdown makers for Roscoe were Younse, Coleman and Emerson.

Merkel made first down only twice, the Plowboys succeeding in piling up 14.

Outstanding Badgers were Cal McAninch, Higgins, Boaz and Zerk Robertson, their activities being confined mostly to the defense.



The Jews of the first century were widely scattered. They had large families and a small country. There were colonies in all had times of home-coming at the several annual feasts in Jerusalem every important city in the Mediterranean section, but they lemm. The disciples took advantage of these occasions to preach to crowds that came from widely scattered places, and so quite early there began to be followers of Jesus, not only throughout Palestine but in Egypt and as far north as Antioch.

It was in Antioch that need was first discovered for a name that should distinguish between ordinary Jews and the Jews that recognized the leadership of Jesus, and "the disciples" were first called Christians at Antioch. Up to that time the followers of Jesus had simply spoken of themselves as of "the Way." The first name of Christianity was "The Road."

In all of these early movements Peter was the foremost figure. He developed a gift of speech that surprised his friends, and he never lacked courage. But presently there came on the stage a new figure of vast influence. One of the early preachers, Stephen, had given special attention to those Christians in Jerusalem who had not been born Jews but had come in as proselytes. He was arrested and condemned to death, and was executed by stoning.

Doubtless the people who did the actual throwing of the stones were for the most part of the rabble, but "a young man named Saul," a zealous Pharisee, looked on with approval at a sentence which he as a member of the Sanhedrin, or high court, had helped pass. Those who threw the stones laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

This young man named Saul was an ardent persecutor. He heard that the Christian faith was spreading as far as Damascus and he obtained letters to the Jewish authorities there for the arrest of any who were of "the Way." He left Jerusalem very eager to carry out his errand, but with a growing inward uneasiness. He was mentally "kicking against the pricks" or goads of his own conscience. He remembered Stephen, whose face during his trial and execution had been "like the face of an angel."

Riding along the road toward Damascus at midday, which is not a good time for a man to be riding there, he was stricken down by what may have been sunstroke; but with it came, as he believed, a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" Saul's companions saw the blinding light but did not hear the voice. Saul asked, "Who art thou, Lord?" And again the voice came, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest."

Next Week: Mark Travels with Saul.

TRAIL'S END

by ANNIE LOUISE PROVOY

THIRD INSTALLMENT.

SYNOPSIS—Three weeks after a cream colored roadster had been found wrecked in the sea at the foot of a cliff, a girl calling herself Anne Cushing appears at the desert town Marston. She has brought, sight unseen, a ranch located thirty miles away. Barry Duane, her nearest neighbor and his man, Boone Petry procure a reliable woman for her and in Barry's car, loaded down with supplies, they start across the desert. In Marston her reticence has aroused suspicion.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY:

The glimpse was nly a glimpse, passing as quickly as it had come. The car gave a jolt of protest and slanted off obliquely from the road they had been following. She had wanted privacy and here it was.

"Now," said her host cheerfully, "we are aiming straight — more or less straight—for your ranch. The real road is back of us. This is just your short cut to it. See that little jag in the hills? Your ranch is right below that, in a valley."

She looked at it with sharpened interest. A valley sounded nice; sort of snug and tucked away. The agent had told her that a stream ran through the ranch. She hoped that was true, but she did not ask Barry Duane.

The hills were coming closer and a slow rise of land began to be spotted thinly with dwarf evergreens. Higher slopes towered ahead, great, wrinkled, rocky folds, almost black in shadow. Further south, where the car was heading were long, thin, wooded ridges. Lying lonely but protected, there was a little valley.

Anne had a glimpse of willows and cottonwoods, hugging what must be a little creek. There was water!

They swept in with a triumphant burst of speed, past a strip of fence with tired looking posts and discouraged wire, past a ragged field or two, catching sight of a lovely meadow.

"Here we are," said Barry Duane, "at Cushing's Ranch. You mustn't judge it by first appearances, because a handy man with a hammer and a few nails can work miracles."

His voice sounded nervous. They were all looking at her, a little anxiously.

She began to laugh. Softly at first, but with a swelling note. This was her ranch, hers, bought insanely over the counter in a dusty little office in a small town.

"The dear little funny old thing! I don't mind if it's run down. It's mine! And I'm going to have orange curtains at the windows. Flaming orange! Let's explore!"

She was out before anyone could help her, running up a careless path to a frankly sagging porch, and turned at the door.

"I forgot the most important part. Welcome to Trail's End! Mrs. Larrabee, if I help, do you think I'd dare invite the gentlemen to our first meal?"

They stayed. It would have taken force to have dragged at least one of them away from that glowing picture on the low, lazy old porch, with the weathered logs making a silvered background for her vivid youth and the lovely flame in her cheeks.

"Don't see why they shouldn't," she agreed calmly. "There's plenty to eat, and we can easy keep two men busy until supper time. Boone, you take these things out, and I'll show you where they go. And then you might clean out the stove—it'll need it—and lay a fire for me. Barry, suppose you show Miss Cushing around and tell her about things. And you might take a look at the well and see if it needs cleanin' out."

Anne listened to them, eyes alight with laughter. "Tell me when I can help. I'm not going to be a drone, you know. But I want to see what the house is like, first. Coming?"

This was not addressed to Martha. A slightly dizzy young man picked up a suitcase in each hand, and followed her.

The door yielded under her hand with a gentle squeak, and a slanting ray of sunlight followed her in.

She was in a fair-sized room, with doors on both sides leading to other rooms. The first impression was one of dust and bareness, the hasty litter of odds and ends dropped in moving.

The room wasn't bad at all. The

bare floors needed scrubbing, but there was a generous stone fireplace with some glinting quartz surfaces, and a long mantle above it formed of a single cedar slab. The timbered beams were hand hewn, and if the few pieces of furniture were heavy and primitive, that, had she known it, was something to give thanks for.

"M'm, I'm glad Mrs. Larrabee is a cyclone. But I love the old beams and that fireplace — although it's hard to imagine ever needing a fire after that sunshine outside."

"Wait until the nipping nights come. They can be chilly enough now." He lingered in the doorway. "I'll do a chore or two for Martha before she gets after me, and then if you're ready, we can take a look around . . . Or perhaps you'd rather unpack first."

"Before I've seen my own ranch? Never! I just want to get out some sensible shoes. I'll join you in just a minute."

He went, but with a backward look. Interested and not a little puzzled. He knew that the girls of his own generation did practically what they pleased, but they didn't usually please to bury their talents in humdrum and unspectacular farm work. Perhaps it was just a whim, or a let-down after a love affair, or—Oh, damn it, what business was it of his, anyway? He went to find Martha Larrabee.

Left to herself, Anne grimaced frankly at the slightly dingy look of her new quarters, and blessed Martha's stern creed of soap and water. She slipped into a pair of smart sport shoes, and hurried out.

"Mrs. Larrabee, I can't ask two perfect strangers to do all my work for me. It's awfully nice of them to be willing, but it's really too much."

"My name's Martha," said that capable woman composedly, "and don't you worry about the work. It won't hurt 'em. Besides, they'd want to anyway. It's only neighborly. Now you run along and tell Barry to show you around, but before he goes he might as well help Boone out with that table. I thought we might have supper early, and eat it outdoors."

A deep sounded on the porch. Anne knew already whose it was.

"I've brought you some water, Martha. The well seems in good shape, but I'll take a better look at it tomorrow. It's placed right for drainage, too."

He sighted Anne. White, even teeth flashed. "All ready for action? Come along, and I'll show you the estate."

She trudged off gaily with him, to look at her kingdom. Martha looked after them, with elevated brow and that little quirk at the corner of her smiling mouth.

"Him!" she said eloquently. "Runnin' after a girl!"

The tour of inspection took in the hay barn and wagon shed, tool house and store house, a disused blacksmith shop cluttered with odds and ends, a fairly good cabin with several bunks, used, no doubt, in busier days. There were farm implements more or less in repair, a fair assortment of tools, some noticeably patched harness and a quite respectable saddle.

They left these dusty details behind them and walked slowly down beside the little creek, hustling busily along over its stones. Young willows crowded close to its banks, cottonwoods towered gracefully, golden green with young leaves. It was quiet and lovely here.

"An Indian," said Barry Duane, "would feed a tribe on what a Simpson wastes. A primitive dam out there and some irrigation ditches on each side would add acres to this place. But try to make them do it!"

There was a curious bitterness in his voice, out of all relation to such a harmless subject. She wondered.

"Why, I think it sounds exciting."

"Yes, it's exciting enough." He broke off with an apologetic grin. "Don't let me get started. It's a hobby of mine. Come on, let's go up to that knoll. You'll get a good view down your little valley and a nice glimpse of some aspens on the other side. When they turn in the autumn that upper slope is like running gold."

Ditches and views and creeks, bitterness and an eye for mountain slopes running with autumn gold!

An unexpected young man. Life might not be so solitary here after all.

That had been hours ago. They had eaten picnic fashion, with zestful appetite and in the open air. Strange that it should seem so natural! They had talked of deserts and of deep bosomed hills, of the temperamental habits of the dry sandy washes in the season of rains. Of everything, in fact, except the reason why a girl with beautiful hands and the smart tailoring of expensive city shops should have elected to live on a little ranch in an isolated valley.

Then finally, rather reluctantly, her two sun-browned guardians had climbed into the disreputable car and departed.

After that she had tied herself into a big apron and worked with Martha, despite protest, and now, after two hours of beating and dusting and washing and dragging things around she sat quietly by herself on the amiably sagging porch.

From somewhere near the lower meadow she heard the deliberate thump of hoofs, the tear and crunch of the meadow grass. That would be one of her horses.

The steady, crunching sound made her drowsy. The valley was so quiet. The wooded ridges tucked in. Back of the ridges tall peaks loomed darkly, mysterious in moonlight . . . Trail's End. She wondered if it would be.

She had learned that "home" for Barry was rather high up in the hills. She wondered if he had always lived there. He must have been away to school. He didn't talk like the others . . . She liked him. Martha's solid step sounded back of her.

"You better get to bed. You look mighty near done out to me."

"Just lazy. You've done wonders. I like my ranch, Martha. Perhaps I'm a hopeless greenhorn, but I do."

"So do I," said Martha unexpectedly. "I've always liked it."

"Oh, do you?" A certain listlessness had gone out of her voice. "I thought perhaps—well, it's generally agreed to be rather run down, isn't it?"

"Nothing that palin, ordinary hard work and a little backbone won't bring up again," said Martha bluntly. "There's a home and a reasonable livin' on it, and in good years there ought to be a little over to tuck in the bank."

She looked shrewdly down at the small dark head, at shapely, taper-fingered hands clasped over a rounded knee. Martha had a head and used it, but whatever she may have felt of curiosity or doubt she kept to herself. She added a brief afterthought, cautiously.

"And if you ever get tired of ranchin', I guess you wouldn't have any trouble turnin' your money over. Anybody could easily turn it into a dude ranch, and I guess there's rich men that would like it just for the shootin' and fishin' back in the hills. Now I'm on my way to bed. We've got to get up early tomorrow morning."

"All right, Martha. I'll follow in a minute. Be sure and call me."

The firm step retreated. Anne was alone again, and thoughtful. Home and a living. It was curious how precious that seemed now. Hidden away in her smaller suitcase there was still a little store of bills in that golden bag, hated and yet miraculous. Enough to buy some needed things for her ranch, and a little in reserve, always in reserve, if by any chance disaster should pursue her even here, and the need for flight should come suddenly.

"Hide me!" she whispered fiercely. "Hold me and hide me, until no one remembers my face!"

A memory stung her like a nettle. She shook it off abruptly and jumped to her feet.

Four days had passed since Anne had arrived at this tucked away, neglected ranch of hers, four days of almost unremitting work which had sent her to bed with every muscle protesting and had swept her in five minutes into dreamless sleep.

From the kitchen came a subdued rattle of pans. Anne's eyes opened wide on an unsteady little table beside her bed. Seven o'clock.

A swing and a soft thump took her out of bed, and she threw open the door and ran out.

"Martha, you villain, you've let me oversleep! Don't you know I'm a hard-working woman?"

Her shrewd eyes warmed, in spite of an inner protest, as they looked at the gay little figure in the kitchen door. Bright eyes and a curly mop of hair, bare feet thrust into gaudy Chinese slippers, silken, impudent pajamas, scarlet and black.

"If you're goin' to run around in

those red pants you'd better keep an eye on the door. First thing you know, one of your regular callers will be stickin' his head in, and then what'll you look like?"

"Why, just like this!" she plucked a bit of gay silk in each thumb and forefinger and bowed extravagantly. Then with a sudden glint in her eye she swung out a slipped foot at a perilous angle and twirled off in a series of extraordinary dance steps. The older woman stared at her, a girl gone mad, whirling and swooping, small feet stamping a curious time beat in light, staccato thuds.

"Like it, Martha?"

Martha got her breath back. "Oh, go 'long," she said crossly, and a laugh came back to her as the slim legs flashed through the bedroom door.

(Continued Next Week.)

TELEPHONE THE MAIL.

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

FEEL TIRED, ACHY— "ALL WORN OUT?"

Get Rid of Poisons That Make You Ill

IS a constant backache keeping you miserable? Do you suffer burning, scanty or too frequent urination; attacks of dizziness, rheumatic pains, swollen feet and ankles? Do you feel tired, nervous—all unstrung?

Then give some thought to your kidneys. Be sure they function properly, for functional kidney disorder permits poisons to stay in the blood and upset the whole system.

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DOAN'S PILLS



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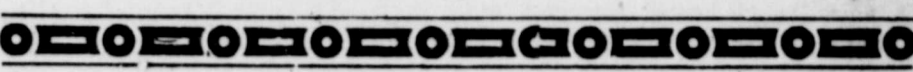
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THE BADGER WEEKLY

FIRST DRAMATIC CLUB MEETING IS A SUCCESS

Twelve members of the Dramatic club were hosts to the other fifty members on Friday night at seven-thirty o'clock in the club room.

During the social hour interesting games were played under the light furnished by the owl's eyes. A splendid program of music and platform numbers was presented. This program read:

- Five minute talk, Mary Helen Lancaster.
- A Short Story, Ethelda Tucker.
- A Story of Adventure, Frances Largent.
- Special Song, Girls' Chorus.
- An Impersonation of a Negro Preacher, Jack Lowe.
- After the program two one-act plays were given at the Grammar School auditorium. The plays selected for study were: "Three Potatoes for Mary," a comedy of gossip, and "Black Magic," a comedy of dialect. Those appearing in the two casts were: Aline McAninch, Mildred West, Evelyn Cox, Vivian Davis, Mabel Butman, Lucy Payne Russom, Hail Derstine and Hardy Moore. Both studies were well received by the other club members.
- The committee on entertainment passed attractive Halloween bags containing apples, cookies and chocolate bars to their guests.
- Everyone enjoyed the meeting throughout the evening. After the business hour each member expressed his enthusiasm for the next club night, which will be in November.

CHAPEL NEWS.

The Choral club made its first appearance in chapel Wednesday morning. "The Violet," "Lift Up Your Heads O Ye Gates" and "Sweet and Low" composed the program.

Definite announcements were made concerning the gymnasium.

The Badger Weekly

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior class of '35—Mrs. R. B. Irvin, Sponsor.

The Staff:

- Editor-in-Chief—Mary Helen Lancaster.
- Assistant Editor—Clara Frances Largent.
- Society Editor—Vivian Davis.
- Sports Editor—Lloyd Robertson.
- Joke Editor—Joe Earl Lassiter.

Our Seniors

Doris May Barron.

Although Doris May does not hold any high office in the Senior class, her place would be difficult to fill. She is sweet, clever and attractive. She has a lovely disposition; therefore, she has many friends. One does not hear much from her because of her quiet and refined ways. Doris May, keep your sunny disposition, and you will succeed.

Bessie Booz.

Everyone that knows Bessie thinks he is a swell guy. He is quick, clever and dependable. He is the president of the Senior class, captain of the football team and captain of the basketball team; therefore, he is considered very popular in Merkel High school, as well as with the girls. He is one of Merkel's star football players. Bessie, just keep this kind of reputation up the rest of your life, and we might see you president of the United States in the future.

THE GYMNASIUM.

The new gymnasium is slowly but surely going up; and when it does get up, it's something Merkel High school should be proud of.

The "dignified Seniors" are so elated that they almost lose their dignity in exclaiming about going to be such an ideal place for their play.

The Juniors can hardly keep quiet. They are rejoicing because they won't have to hunt a place for the banquet.

The Sophomores and Freshmen are proud for many reasons but the only reason they can give is: "We hope to have use for it someday."

The Pep Squad say that it will be nice for their banquet, maybe.

In fact, the whole Merkel High school—students, faculty, and all—are dreaming of the days to come, when they'll have a gymnasium of their own.

WHO'S WHO IN HIGH SCHOOL.

- Will someone please:
 - Ask Joe Warren who "Violet" is?
 - Ask Robert Higgins and Louise Carson why they look so bald-headed?
 - Ask Cal why he got "stood up" Friday night?
 - Ask Mary Helen Mashburn why she has to have two escorts at the same time?
 - Ask Thelma Matthews what kind of a "jam" she was in Friday night?
 - Ask Gladys Mashburn who her "thrill" is?
 - Ask Billie Bernice if she likes being a "camel"?
 - Ask Melbalea Watts who "Weaver" is?

MERKEL'S HOPES FOR CONFERENCE ARE DOOMED

Friday afternoon at Roscoe Merkel met its second defeat. Even though defeated they showed up fine, but it hardly seemed the team that took the field against Haskell.

The Badgers were greatly outplayed from start to finish, making only two first downs to Roscoe's eleven. It seemed as though the Badgers could never get going while Roscoe was on the alert, taking the breaks as they came. Because of a strong south wind, punting and passing was unsuccessful. Deep sand on the field made the Badger team, unaccustomed to such, slow in their running attacks. Three of Merkel's four passes were intercepted, one being run back for a touchdown.

Even though defeated the Badger fans and Pep Squad stood by until the last whistle.

On Friday of this week Merkel plays Winters, district champions of their district last year, and from all reports will repeat again this year, in a non-conference game on the local field. Last year Merkel was defeated 14 to 21 in the closing minutes of the game. Merkel hopes this game will be a different story and the Badgers have an "on" day instead of an "off" day.

Don't forget that the Badger team never loses a game willingly and that they take defeat harder than those on the sidelines. Don't gripe when they are doing their best, but try to sympathize and help them to regain their ambition to win the next.

Be Good Sports, winning or losing, no matter how bitter the dose!

HEAR YE!

Acquaintance, friends, enemies, lend us your ears! The son of Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes announces that he will no longer answer to the title of Junior. He has left the budding state of childhood in the memories of years past and entered into blossoming heroic manhood. As one of the results, he will henceforth be referred to as Bob Grimes, Congratulations, Bob!

Jokes

Salesman: "Mr. Burgess, I see that your hair has been coming out by the handfuls lately. You need some sort of hair tonic."

Mr. Burgess: "Oh, no, I don't. I need a divorce."

Lloyd R: "Well, Charlie, I hear that your dog had a slow death the other day."

Charlie M: "Yes, he swallowed a tape measure and died by inches."

Cal: "Robert, I hear you have a right smart dog."

Robert H.: "Yes, I do. She had a litter of pups the other day and she put them every one into the garbage can."

Cal: "Now, I wouldn't call that smart."

Robert H.: "Yes, but you see, the garbage can had a sign on it, 'Deposit Litter Here.'"

Mr. Riddle: "Where did you get the black eye?"

Mr. Irvin: "Oh, that's what I got when I made my grand entry last night at 2 a. m."

Mr. Riddle: "Come to think about it, I happened to be passing your house at 2 a. m. and I didn't hear a single sound."

Mr. Irvin: "Oh, no, you see, the wife never speaks while in action."

FIGURE THIS OUT.

A man was driving a big six wheel truck down a winding road through the cedar brakes when he hit an awful bump and heard a tire blow out. He swore that he didn't have a blow out for he had just put on a set of new ten-ply tires and he had just driven a short distance of about eighty miles since he had put them on.

He got out of his truck and to his great surprise he had run over a rattlesnake and the snake had bitten the tire and punctured it. The air had stretched the snake to four times its normal length, thus making the snake mad, so he blew the tire back up and kept blowing until it blew out and scattered the snake in all directions. There wasn't much harm done except that his head sailed through the air so fast that it caused tornadoes on the land and hurricanes on the waters.

His tail hit the State Empire building and scattered so many bricks in Europe that she declared war on the United States for shelling Europe during artillery practice.

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NOODLE NEWS

(Omitted Last Week.)

Elder W. G. Cypert filled his regular appointment at the Church of Christ at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday.

The community singing was well attended Friday night. We have some new song books.

Mrs. Otto Bicknell had as dinner guests Sunday Messrs. Jess Bird, Waldo Cox and Ted Bicknell and their families and W. J. Bicknell and sons, Alton and Norman.

Roy Cox and family spent Sunday at Anson, the guests of Mrs. Cox's parents.

J. D. Sosebee returned last Tuesday from Lubbock where he had been visiting relatives for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Markham of Stamford spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Herring.

Comer Herring and Mr. and Mrs. Alton McGee of South Texas are the guests of D. C. Herring and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Cantrell went to Stamford Saturday where they expect to make their home for a while.

Roger Sosebee spent the week-end with relatives at Stamford.

Everett Pool and family of Divide were guests Sunday of the C. B. Jinkens family.

The following took dinner at A. W. Sosebee's home Sunday: W. G. Cypert,

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eason and son, Leroy, Misses Dorris and Leona Sosebee of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McGinnis, J. D. Sosebee and E. O. Criswell.

Uncle Ben Wheeler of Merkel attended church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jinkens and children visited the family of his brother, Fred Jinkens, of Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Everyone is glad that Mr. Pickard is able to be back in school again this week after an absence of several days. While he was away, Miss Elleta Foster acted as substitute teacher in English and Miss Suber taught commercial work.

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Doctors and hospitals use liquid laxatives because they've seen the damage sometimes done by highly concentrated drugs in the form of pills or tablets! They know that a properly made liquid laxative containing senna (a natural laxative) does not do this harm. And they use liquid laxatives to relieve the bowels, because the dose can be easily regulated.

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There is a preparation of fine herbs, pure pepsin, cascara, and senna which does away with all need of harsh cathartics. The active senna in Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is laxative enough for any adult, mild enough for any child. And there are other valuable ingredients in this delightful syrup.

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Make this Test!

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And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 26th day of September, 1934.

Burl Wheeler,
Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas.
By E. D. Davis, Deputy.

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sum of Two Hundred Twenty Eight & 88/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of The City of Merkel, a Public Municipal Corporation, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 2006-B and styled The City of Merkel, a Public Municipal Corporation, vs. Mrs. Ruth Foster and husband, Clyde Foster, placed in my hands for service, I, Burl Wheeler, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 26th day of September, 1934, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being lots Nos. 13 and 14 and 15 in block No. 28 of the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, as shown by the map or plat of said city in the office of the county clerk of Taylor County, Texas; and levied upon as the property of Mrs. Ruth Foster and Husband, Clyde Foster and that on the first Tuesday in November, 1934, the same being the 6th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Mrs. Ruth Foster and husband, Clyde Foster.

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day in November, 1934, the same being the 6th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Ben Jones.

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the highest bidder, as the property of said W. H. Hathaway.

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of block 12 in the college addition to the town of Merkel, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning 95 feet north from the southwest corner of said block 12; Thence east parallel with lines 140 feet; Thence north 55 feet; Thence west 140 feet to the corner of west boundary line of said block 12; Thence south with said line 55 feet to the place of beginning; and levied upon as the property of J. E. McLaughy and that on the first Tuesday in November, 1934, the same being the 6th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. E. McLaughy.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Lou Dowdy and granddaughter of Merkel were week-end guests in the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Matthews, last week.

Grandpa Reaves is making a short visit with friends at Sparenburg.

Mrs. Lonzo Jones made her father, Mr. Adcock, a visit last week. The latter has been ill, but is improving.

Mrs. E. M. Sherman and daughter, Florence, left last week for Fort Worth where they will visit relatives for awhile.

Ison Burks, who has been away as an employee of the West Texas Electric company, is at home again.

Miss Dorene Scott of McMurry spent last week-end at home.

Miss Helen Bright of Draughton's Business college, Abilene, spent the week-end with her parents.

There were 86 in the Baptist Sunday School last Sunday and a number of visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Terry of Lueders were in our services and they also visited in the home of Mrs. Terry's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Howell.

Brother W. H. Howell closed a series of sermons with his church at Tye last Friday night. Some of our people attended some of the services during which powerful messages were brought from different ministers each night. The church was built up a great deal spiritually.

Mrs. Joe Alexander and son of Eunice spent the latter part of last week at the bedside of the former's sister, Mrs. Hosea Winn. She also visited her mother, Mrs. Boone, and other relatives, while here.

H. W. Beckham attended to business matters in Lamesa last week.

Several from our town and the surrounding communities attended the funeral of J. S. Swann, which was held at Merkel on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jones and daughter, Bobby Ruth, were guests of the former's brother, Lannie Jones of Rule the first part of last week. Jewel Gabbert of Union Ridge was

a guest last Sunday with Miss Fanny Belle Vessel.

Miss Frances Jones spent the week-end with her grandmother, Mrs. Sam. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod, former residents of this place and who now live at Palava, are happy to announce the arrival of a beautiful baby girl at their house. They call her Barbara Sue.

Mrs. Ben Howell and daughter, Betty Lou, visited Mr. and Mrs. McLeod and daughter, Barbara Sue, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lee Rogers has returned home after spending three weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Ansel O'Neal, of Brownfield. Miss Gladys also returned with her, after having been gone a week.

We are sorry to report the death of little Mary Jane O'Neal, daughter of Mr. and Ms. Ansel O'Neal, formerly of this place but now of Brownfield.

JAPANESE TEA.

On Monday afternoon Mesdames R. L. Reeves and W. B. Reaves were joint hostesses to a Japanese tea for the woman's auxiliary of the Methodist church in the home of Mrs. R. L. Reeves. The lesson study was the third in the series, "Suzuki, Look to Japan." It was given in a Japanese setting, and articles made in Japan were on display.

Guests removed their shoes at the door and tea was served after the manner in Japan.

The lesson was presented by the following ladies: devotional, Mrs. Ben Howell; subject, "A Nation at school;" first part, Mrs. W. B. Reaves; second, Mrs. Roy Elliott; third, Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr.; fourth, Mrs. R. L. Reeves.

Those present were: Mesdames Allen Terry, Lesley Beasley, O. A. Smith, Hale McRee, Ben Howell, M. G. Scott, Roy Elliott, H. R. Poor, T. L. Stevens, R. B. Johnson, R. B. McRee, Sr., J. R. Gafford and daughter, Miss Maimie Gafford.

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Greece has ruled that airplanes cannot be taken into the country without a permit.

COMPERE NEWS

Our school opened Monday, October 8, with a good attendance. There are some who have not yet started, but hope to soon.

The greater part of the cotton has been gathered. Lawrence Spurgin and Edlail Chan- cey were in Fort Worth this week visiting friends.

We wish to welcome Mr. Terry's new bride to our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lucas and little daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas and daughter are visiting in Fort Worth this week.

Mrs. M. K. Milner spent the past week-end with home folks in Sylves- ter.

Ben Adkins and family and Mrs. Oscar Johnson were in Sylvester Sun- day afternoon visiting Mr. Adkins' brother.

Little Wanda Joyce Smith of Semi- nele has just returned home from a visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adkins.

On Halloween night, Wednesday, October 31, everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fun and entertain- ment of the Halloween carnival. It will be out in the open where noise is permissible. The carnival will be the work of the P. T. A. and all funds are to be used by the P. T. A., as needed.

The small grain is needing rain badly.

Sunday School attendance was good last Sunday at Comper and Zion Chapel. You who do not worship else- where are urged to attend one of the Sabbath Schools of this community each Sunday.

RURAL SOCIETY

GOODMAN P. T. A. The Goodman P. T. A. met in reg- ular session on October 1, 1934, and

lected the following officers: Mrs. Bud Winter, president; Mrs. Hardy Rutledge, vice-president; Mrs. C. W. Seago, secretary.

Acting committees for various of- fices were appointed by the president.

A very interesting program for the year is being planned. We invite ev- erybody to come to these meetings and take part in them.

Halloween night the P. T. A. is having a carnival. The public is in- vited. It will be held at the school house and an interesting program will be given before opening of the car- nival. Everybody come prepared for a good time and we will not disap- point you.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes were hosts to a prettily planned party in honor of their son, J. W., on his fifteenth birthday on October 22. Af- ter games were played, dainty re- freshments of salad, punch and cake were served.

Those that participated in this hos- pitality were Miss Margaret Thomas, Norman Windham, Elwood Cox, Wil- liam Hughes, Genevieve Cox, Laverne Hughes, Comora Hughes, Reed What- ley, Leonard Ward, Jack Russell, Margie Melton, Madeline Adkisson, Criswell Doan, Louise Addison, Ed- wina Doan, Evelyn Latimer, Mary

Frances Harris, Odell Latimer, Mil- burn Latimer, Junior Melton, Dorris Mitchell, Winell Alexander, John Ma- lone, Madeline Brown, Harrison Ma- lone, Joy Doan, Woodrow Barnes, Mark L. Malone, Samuel F. Doan, Mary Lu Hughes, Carline Hughes, J. W. Hughes, Marie Alexander, Bill Williamson, John B. Hughes, Mr. and

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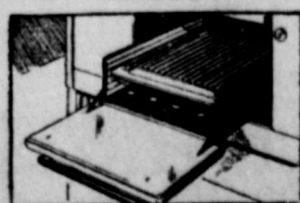
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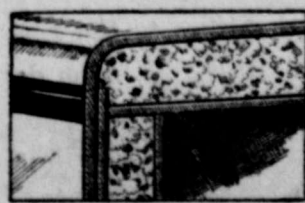


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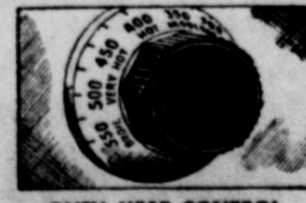
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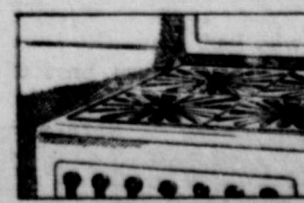
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KNOW YOUR OWN SHOPS

By CHRISTINE COLLINS

Indian summer days, too warm for winter things—it's time to take inventory of yourself—Just what Do You need to soothe your ego?—Nothing so "buoys" me up as to recklessly spend a few dimes.

The average man's shop doesn't have a particularly inviting air, I believe, to women shoppers, but BRAGG'S infallibly dressed Men's (north) window positively intrigues me with its new array of fall "Curlee" models. "The Dictators of Styles for Men!" Smart men will recognize the fact that nowhere could you find any better selections than at BRAGG'S when you have seen these suits. Natty tweeds... single and double-breasted, so practical and useful... Bi-swing backs, Norfolk and belted, with such catchy details, still for those with young ideas and for the more conservative, yet well groomed man, really masculine styles of distinctive individuality. All merchandise personally and painstakingly selected of the finest quality, offered at sincerely low prices for your approval. Remember BRAGG DRY GOODS COMPANY on the box means "smartness" for men and women.

Are you having a party, need some candy? Have you a sick friend you'd like to cheer up? Is the Big Moment out of town and would you like to remind her of this and that? Why don't you give her a real thrill, whether it's her birthday or not... Go to the MERKEL DRUG and get her a box of candy—Pangburn's, that most acceptable of gifts... She'll be thrilled to a peanut and, whether you've realized it or not, "Candy time is here!" Leave an order for that anniversary you always forget and, incidentally, don't wait for Mother's Day for "that particular gift"... There is no more beautiful way to express affection than with Pangburn's.

Patronize one of your local geniuses and BOB McDONALD is most ingenious when it comes to cutting

children's hair—My sister always looks forward to having him cut her youngsters' hair when she comes here for a visit... When Son was very little he used to object strenuously to having the clippers run over his neck... No one was ever able to cope with this contingency as tactfully as BOB... I reiterate, it's a Gift!

Listen, my children, and ye shall hear... Mothers, prick up your ears... You can hold that Halloween fete almost effortlessly and here, my little dears, is how to do it: Let Mr. McGehee at the DANDY BAKERY make your refreshments for you, he certainly saved the day for me, my last party with Mexican patties and actually at half the price of the original sample I took him. (The Greeks had a price for it.) He promises to "outdo" himself on these specials for Halloween. And that's Sumpin'! Last Call for Halloween.

I'm positively haunting BARROW FURNITURE STORE these days when each shipment brings still more beautiful "finds." I went into a perfect frenzy of ecstasy over an antique solid maple early American bedroom suite, embodying all the simple charm and quaintness of the period... Such expensive details only to find it specially priced to meet a low budget... But I was thrilled beyond words when by way of contrast, I was shown a bone white modernistic suite, beautifully carved with hardware trimmings in black... Me Speechless! But I was... I'm "all for" this modern era but I never realized its scope and possibilities. Honestly, I think BARROW'S has some of the most attractive propositions I ever heard of. Accept with pleasure Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard's invitation to watch the continual furniture style show that is presented in their windows and learn how "up-to-the-minute" the Merkel shops really are. This BARROW "window-shopping" habit is one your shop-hound has long enjoyed—you should get the habit, too!

PERSONALS

Mrs. Dewey Willis of Odessa is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Smalley Young. Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Grimes of Chillicothe were week-end guests of relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. L. Johnson visited Miss Anna Lou Russell and Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson in Abilene this week. Mrs. V. D. Jones and son, Edward Jones, and nephew, Julian Strickland, all of Bagwell, were guests in the homes of John and Twyman Collins this week.

C. M. Largent, Jr. left Sunday for Kansas City to join his brother, Willie Joe Largent, in the exhibition of the Largent show cattle at the Kansas City Royal.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent left Saturday for Kansas City to visit their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Swafford, at the same time having the privilege of attending the Kansas City Royal Livestock show.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hampton and Mrs. Essie Cromwell of Ontario, California, were overnight visitors Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jinkens. They were on a return trip from Port Arthur, where they had visited Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hampton. The latter is a sister of Mrs. Jinkens.

Alfred Costephens, who is a member of the Sweetwater Municipal band, official band of the Texas organization of the American Legion, is expected to return Sunday from Miami, Fla., where the band represented the Texas department at the National convention of the American Legion.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith, have just returned from a visit with their brother, Ernest Henderson and family, of Alba. They also visited with friends and relatives in Dallas and Mineral Wells en route. Mrs. Ellen Wright, who had spent the summer visiting in the western part of the state, returned to her home in Alba with them. On their return trip they attended the State Fair of Texas.

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



HALLOWEEN PARTY.

The home of Mrs. Frank Golladay on Oak street was the scene of a gay party last Saturday afternoon when her granddaughter, little Miss Mary Faye Johnson of San Antonio, celebrated her sixth birthday; her mother, Mrs. Dub Johnson, was co-hostess with Mrs. Golladay, entertaining with a Halloween party.

The entertaining rooms were colorfully decorated with ghosts and goblins where an impromptu program was given by various members from the guest list and the game hour following was spent on the lawn. Presentation of so many lovely gifts delighted the little honoree, making the occasion one of complete happiness for her.

Dainty Halloween sandwiches, punch and Halloween candies were served with the lovely big birthday cake on tables laid with Halloween covers, napkins and plates.

Mary Faye's guests were: Sue Sue Grimes, Betty Jane Gates, Becky Jewel Gaitner, Nedra Swafford, Ray Ann Hamm, Lora Pearl and Dorothy Nell Haynes, Mary Lou Hutcheson, Gwendolyn Renfro, Dorothy Lee Shannon, Doris Gay West, Mary Jo Russell, Dora Marie Gaitner, Doris Mae Lepard, Tommie Evelyn Grimes, Dorothy Nell and George Ann Groene, Joy Frances West, Francis Walker, Betty Jean Keifer, Johnnie McDonald and Dorothy Nell Lee.

CELEBRATES EIGHTY-SEVENTH BIRTHDAY.

Aunt Mollie Starkey was surprised with a birthday party on Wednesday night, October 17, at her home on Bettis Heights. Mrs. S. M. Hunter baked the birthday cake, which was decorated with 87 candles. The party was a complete surprise as Aunt Mollie had not even realized it was her birthday. She enjoyed very much unwrapping the various gifts and, after the gifts were presented and all had joined in wishing the honoree many more happy birthdays, sandwiches and ice cream and cake were served to the following:

Aunt Mollie Starkey, Mrs. H. R. Hicks, Vestal Hicks and youngest son, of Eastland, Mrs. Robert Hicks and son, Ben Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Osborn and family, Mrs. Lula Walker, of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hayes and family, T. H. Christopher, Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter and son, Marvin, George A. Sublett, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett and daughter, Vernelle.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

In recognition of her little daughter Ludean's tenth birthday, Mrs. A. V. Henslee entertained a number of her little friends with a birthday party at her home on Wednesday afternoon of last week. The honoree was favored with many beautiful gifts.

After games and other forms of entertainment, arranged by Miss Lucille Gilmore, Mrs. Lloyd Sheppard and her mother, lemonade and cake were served the following guests:

Miriam and Mickey Diltz, J. D. and Evalda Fox, Madeline, Billie and Flossy London, Fred and Troy Slayden, Clara Bell Hawkins, Lula Mae Clark, Don, Muri and Bobby Sheppard, Robert Wayne Sledge, Mary and Loree Smith, Doris Ruth, Della Marie and Robert I. Gilmore, Jack, Velma and J. P. Derrington, Murle and Alvie Jeanette Bird, Buddie and Earl Junior Mashburn, Boyd and R. T. Popham and Ludean, Dixie and Rubynell Henslee.

CHICKEN FRY.

On Thursday evening Misses Lona Bryan and Zada Bell and Ross Ferrier, Jr., members of the staff of the local relief office, entertained guests

A MESSAGE FROM

A HAPPY HOUSEWIFE

"Yes, I have more hours of leisure since I started sending my clothes to the Home Laundry. No more wash day worries, and it is real economy, too."

We call for and deliver.

THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY
LENA WEBB, Owner
PHONE 77

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel rose above the 800 mark again last Sunday, with 805 present. On the previous Sunday the figure was 786 and on the corresponding Sunday last year 784 were present.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

All regular services at the church Sunday, with the pastor preaching.

Last Sunday the Baptist Training service of this association met at this church, the beginning of a series of services that have lasted throughout the week. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons there were associational meetings here to make reports on the work. Sunday afternoon there will be graduation program here. Dr. Garner and Miss Garner were here, also Mrs. Garland of Hardin-Simmons.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. BTS at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:15 Wednesday evening. WMU 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

YWA ORGANIZED.

The second meeting of the YWA was held Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Baptist church.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Winters, the following officers were elected: Sarah Sheppard, president; Dot Swafford, vice-president; Frances Largent, secretary; Jessie Margaret Berry, treasurer; Caribel Moore, reporter.

The meetings will be held weekly on Monday at 5 o'clock at the church. We want every girl in town as a member. With these fine officers and the help of Mrs. Winters, Mrs. Sam Swann and Mrs. John Childress, this YWA is going to be the life of the church. We're going to work and have plenty of fun. So everyone be at the Baptist church next Monday if you want to be a YWA girl.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Yes, it is at the Methodist church; it opens at 9:45; it is for all ages, and each age will enjoy it; it is our regular Sunday School. Come be with us.

Preaching at 11 a. m. If you have no home church, and you do not attend another service in the town, come and worship with us.

Young people's meeting at the usual hour in their meeting place. We invite the young people; you are welcome.

Preaching at 7:15 p. m. We will preach sermon No. 2 on the church.

from the county relief office at Abilene with a chicken fry at Shannon's pool.

Afterward the visitors were invited to local relief headquarters for a business meeting. Guests included County Administrator Lloyd B. Thomas, Mrs. Margaret Schmidt, case supervisor, Miss Peggy Martin, secretary to the administrator, and all the case workers in the Abilene office.

R & R PALACE

Sweetwater

Friday-Saturday
Jackie Cooper in

"PECK'S BAD BOY"

Sunday-Monday
Shirley Temple in

"NOW AND FOREVER"

Tuesday-Wednesday
Alice Faye and James Dunn in

"365 NIGHTS IN HOLLYWOOD"

Thursday Only
Frankie Darro in

"NO GREATER GLORY"

R. & R. RITZ
Friday-Saturday
Buck Jones in

"THE FIGHTING RANGER"

Palace opens Sunday 2 p. m. and runs continuous. Complete show after 9 p. m.

School at Fort Worth. Pastor will be away two weeks. I am expecting every member to be at Bible School and church every Sunday. Brother Bill Murdock will preach while pastor is away.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

NOTICE.

"Now on" fall rates, \$4.65 for 6 year, Abilene Morning News. Hand us your renewal or phone. Also agent for Dallas News, Marshall Stalls, "Your Home Town Agent." Phone 141.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our deep appreciation of the many acts of kindness extended us by our friends and neighbors during our bereavement in the loss of our beloved wife, daughter and sister, and also our thanks for the beautiful floral offerings.

Joe Peterson.
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Massey
And Family.

Oldest Mason Celebrates.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 25.—Samuel Armstrong, oldest living Mason in the United States, recently celebrated his 100th birthday. Armstrong was born in Parkersburg, Pa. He joined the Masonic lodge when 25 years of age.

WILL BUY REMNANTS.

Bring us your remnants. We will gin them out and buy the lint just as if you had a full bale, and pay the highest market price at all times. South Side Gin

By L. L. Murray, Mgr.

Pie Supper Friday Night.

There will be a pie supper at the Mulberry school house on Friday night, October 26, at 7:30 o'clock. The purpose of the supper is to raise money to buy Victrola records for the school.

A LETTER FROM HOME.

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Per Dozen . . . 15c

LETTUCE, large heads, each . . . 5c

GRAPE FRUIT, large size, 6 for . . . 25c

PEARS, per bushel . . . 90c

POTATOES

Idaho 10LBS17c No. 1 washed LB.3c

Russets Burbanks

CATSUP, 14 oz. bottle, 2 for . . . 25c

GOLD DUST, large size pkgs. . . 19c

PEANUT BUTTER, 2 lb. qt. jar . . . 29c

CRACKERS

Excel Saltines

2 pound box . . . 19c

COFFEE, Maxwell House, 3 lbs. . . 85c

SALT, 1 1-2 pound boxes, 3 for . . . 10c

SUGAR, pure cane 10 lb. cloth bag . . . 55c

25 lb. cloth bag . . . \$1.40

Salad Dressing

Miracle Whip 16 oz jar . . . 20c

Quart jar . . . 33c

MACKEREL, tall cans, 3 for . . . 25c

CORN FLAKES, large boxes, each . . . 10c

FLOUR

Yukon's Best \$1.95—Light Crust \$2.10