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On the "Broadway of America"

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DEATH CLAIMS FOUNDER OF OLDEST FIRM

George F. West, Who Started General Store Here 46 Years Ago, Passes On; Active in Business Until Last Weeks.

Death Saturday morning claimed one of West Texas' pioneer business men, founder of the oldest business concern in Merkel and probably one of the oldest in Taylor county. George F. West, 76, died at 10 a. m., succumbing to heart trouble.

Ill over the period of the last several months, he had been confined to his bed for five weeks.

Because of the J. T. Howard funeral previously set for 2:50 p. m., the Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist churches suspended preaching Sunday morning, and funeral services were held at 11 a. m. at the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. John H. Crow, the pastor, assisted by Rev. C. R. Joyner and Rev. R. A. Walker. Elder W. G. Cypert, long time friend, who had been also named to assist, was out of town. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

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List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The petit jury list in 104th district court for next week includes the following names:

J. F. Douglas, F. A. Polley W. L. Brown, Paul W. West, J. K. Pee, E. L. Teague, J. H. Campbell, W. H. Pogue, J. H. Ensminger, Merkel; J. M. Tidwell, S. B. Brannon, Claude Wright, H. J. Bradshaw, F. D. Vanadora, T. E. Harber, L. E. Henslee, George W. Murfee, W. M. Jurrell, Dr. G. M. Gillespie, D. Sparks, L. E. McKee, C. K. Boyd, W. P. Kirkpatrick, Otho M. Polk, T. H. Taylor, J. W. South, M. M. Harwell, H. H. McMinn, C. C. Killough, T. J. Key, Henry Herman, C. R. Smith, W. E. Kniffen, Buck Davidson, Abilene; Emil Salge, Tye; T. J. Middleton, Sr., R. A. Middleton, M. C. Neithercutt, Bradshaw; V. B. Wood, Winters; F. W. Hogue, R. L. Williams, C. T. Adams, Ovalo; Noble Touchstone, A. S. Vancleave, E. B. Kidd, Tuscola; Chas. Reid, Carl Murdock, W. H. Orand, Trent; J. T. Stephenson, Guion.

A FICTION TREAT

From the Pen of Rex Beach

Starting next week The Mail brings its readers a real fiction treat . . . Three short stories by Rex Beach are on the program, each in four installments. The first story is

"POWDER"

Starting in The Mail next week

BRING THE LATE J. T. HOWARD TO BE BURIED HERE

Long Time Resident of Merkel Dies Unexpectedly Friday at Home in Abilene; Survived by Eight Children.

News of the death of J. T. Howard, 76, former resident of Merkel and widely known in this area, came as a distinct shock to many friends here early Friday afternoon. He died at 12:45 p. m. at his home in Abilene.

While ill for several months, Mr. Howard was up and about his house and yard Thursday and was apparently feeling better than usual. However, he became ill shortly after breakfast Friday morning, and suffered a heart attack just before noon. He died a few minutes after a physician arrived.

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THANKSGIVING DAY

(By Gene Lindberg.)

Let this Thanksgiving day be like the first—
An honest day of humble gratitude
For simple, common, all-important things;
For modest homes where children's laughter rings;
For the good earth that yields our daily food.

Life has been good to us. Let us give thanks—
Thanks for the strength to toil beneath the sun
Till hunger comes to bless the bread we eat;
Till thirst makes clear, cold water doubly sweet
And peaceful sleep rewards a task well done.

Let us recall that first Thanksgiving day—
The grateful feast day of the Pilgrim band
For their first harvest on New England soil.
We reap today because they dared to toil
For the fulfillment of a Promised Land.

PRECINCT ROAD WORK TO START

PWA Approval Given for 41 Miles; Applicants to Report Monday 7 a. m.

Notification of approval for 41 miles of road work in precinct 2 was received Tuesday by County Commissioner A. J. Canon. At just what part of the precinct this work is to start has not been designated, but work will start immediately.

The original project includes grading, graveling and improving more than 100 miles of rural routes out of Merkel, Trent and Tye. The entire work is to be supervised by a federal man, Commissioner Canon stated.

Work will be provided for 72 men, 12 gravel trucks and 18 two-horse teams, to be provided from the employables on relief rolls.

Those having trucks and teams are asked to report at 7 a. m. Monday at the local relief office.

SEWING ROOM OPENS.
Employing 12 women, the local sewing room opened Wednesday morning in quarters at the relief office in charge of Mrs. Bonnie Griswold, supervisor. Later the number will be increased up to the quota of 26 for this place.

Tuesday's Rainfall More Than an Inch

For a short while early Tuesday morning this section was visited by a heavy downpour of rain, following intermittent drizzles on Monday, the precipitation amounting to 1.18 inches, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale.

Light rains in the early part of the month had increased the year's total to even 30 inches, to which the Tuesday rainfall may be added to bring the figure for 1935 to 31 1-8 inches.

Abilene Pastor to Be Banquet Speaker

Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, has accepted an invitation to speak at a get-together banquet of the Men's Bible classes of the city on Tuesday evening, Dec. 10.

At a meeting of representatives appointed from the several churches held Monday night at the city hall, the following committees were named on arrangements for the banquet:

Invitation—C. P. Church, chairman; L. L. Murray and E. B. Wallace; finance and refreshments, Charles Jones, chairman, Yates Brown, W. M. Elliott and Tom Coats; program, R. A. Burgess, chairman, Joe P. Self, and C. J. Glover.

The idea of a Men's Bible class get-together of members from the various churches originated with the Business Men's Bible class of the First Baptist church, of which Booth Warren is president.

At Monday night's meeting Joe P. Self presided as temporary chairman and Wrenn Durham as temporary secretary.

Members and former members of Men's Bible classes in the various churches are to be invited to the banquet.

Grade Crossings to Go.
Washington, Nov. 27.—Department of Agriculture announced Monday that President Roosevelt had approved a program involving \$5,180,800 for the elimination of hazards at grade crossings in Texas.

BALLOT FAVORS WRENN DURHAM

Recommended for Postmastership by Blanton After Selection by Popular Vote.

Recommendation of Wrenn Durham as next postmaster of Merkel to succeed O. J. Adcock, whose term expires Jan. 8, 1936, has been forwarded to Postmaster General James A. Farley by Congressman Thos. L. Blanton.

According to announced plan, a caucus of supporters of Blanton was held at 10 o'clock Monday morning at the Queen theatre, resulting in selection of Durham by a preferential ballot which gave him 130 votes, Castle Ellis 62 and Dent Gibson 12.

Immediately after confirmation of the result of the caucus, Wrenn asked The Mail to publish the following expression of his appreciation:

"I wish to take this method to thank all of my friends and supporters who so graciously helped me secure the recommendation as postmaster at Merkel. I am very grateful and honored and will do my best to make you as efficient postmaster as possible.

"I sincerely ask for your co-operation and assure you that you will receive as good as or better service in the future than in the past.

"Wrenn Durham."
Mr. Adcock, present incumbent, was appointed postmaster by President Coolidge on Dec. 16, 1927, having previously served as acting postmaster from April 1 of that year. He was reappointed by President Hoover for the four-year term expiring next Jan. 8. He began service in the postal department Dec. 16, 1907, as rural carrier.

Wrenn Durham has been clerk in the postoffice here for nine years having served as assistant postmaster in recent years. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Durham, he has lived here for the greater part of his life.

Popular with all classes, known for his efficiency in postal service and the very essence of courtesy, his selection as postmaster has brought him congratulations from a host of friends and patrons of the Merkel postoffice.

STATEMENT FROM BLANTON.
In a visit to The Mail office, Congressman Blanton left the following statement for publication:

"I extend warm greetings to my friends in the Merkel country. I have for all of them deep affection. I shall never forget their continued confidence. Call on me whenever I may be of any service.

"Your friend,
"Thomas L. Blanton."

Total Area Ginnings Exceed 10,000 Bales

Total ginnings in the area passed the 10,000 bale mark with the tabulation by The Mail Tuesday afternoon of figures from the six gins here and those at Stith, Blair and Noodle aggregating 10,121 bales.

Tabulation up to Wednesday noon last week showed a total of 8,777 bales, since which time 1,344 bales have been turned out by the nine plants mentioned.

They Had a Good Time.
Some four or five local hunters, joined by Judge L. Camp of Abilene, returned the latter part of the week from the deer country, but brought back no game. In the party were: A. J. Canon, county commissioner, Bill Fugate, Houston Robertson and Paul Douglas, with Charles Sherrill, Jr., as mascot.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Tarrant county citizens will vote Saturday, Dec. 7, on the question of legalizing the sale of liquor.

The state liquor control board collected \$226,820 and approved 582 applications for permits during its first week.

Bagging a 180-pound eight-point buck, Governor James V. Allred showed the boys out in the Big Ben country how to shoot in his latest hunting trip.

Forland Sandlin and A. E. Eaves, both of Whitt, Parker county, were killed when their airplane crashed shortly after a takeoff from the Breckenridge municipal airport.

Mrs. M. A. Buchanan, aged widow, was found burned to death Monday in her home at Cisco where she lived alone. The body lay on a burned rug and broken oil lamp was nearby.

Second Lieut. Eyvind Holtermann, Randolph Field instructor who received his commission only three months ago, was killed Sunday night when his airplane crashed 20 miles southwest of Columbus.

Orlee Franklin "Bubbles" Buffalo, 11-year-old Charlie, Texas, boy, was killed instantly at Wichita Falls when he was dragged off a loaded cotton truck as it went under a railroad underpass on the edge of the city.

Dr. Randolph Clark, 91, co-founder with his brother, the late Dr. Addison Clark, of Add-Ran college, which developed into Texas Christian university, died Friday of last week at the home of a daughter in Dallas.

W. R. Hildreth, Big Spring automobile salesman, who stabbed his wife 22 times with an ice pick in a quarrel over going to a picture show, was electrocuted at the state penitentiary at Huntsville early Monday morning.

An unidentified man, shot three times in the chest, died Tuesday at Breckenridge after he was brought to the Stephens county court house by a motorist who reported the man had been attacked by a hitchhiker he had picked up.

Rejecting a bid by Waco, directors of the Brazos river conservation and reclamation district chose Temple for permanent headquarters, tendering the position of supervising engineer and general manager of the \$50,000,000 project to John A. Norris, chairman of the state board of water engineers.

Appointed to Place In Highway Patrol

Having accepted employment in the state highway patrol, Carey Pearce, teacher of history in the Grammar school, has tendered his resignation, effective Dec. 6. The new position carries a much higher salary.

He is to report Dec. 10 at Austin for a 60-days course of instruction. The vacancy caused by his resignation has not yet been filled, Supt. R. A. Burgess stated Wednesday.

Trial Ends Before Started.

San Jose, Calif., Nov. 27.—David A. Lamson's third trial for wife murder ended in a mistrial Saturday and Jan. 27 was set for the start of a fourth.

SHOW GROWS IN PROPORTION AS DATE NEARS

Community Stock and Poultry Show, Trades Day and Quilt Show, Features of Next Week, Dec. 5, 6 and 7.

A street parade, starting at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, Dec. 5, and in which each owner of live stock will lead his entry, will usher in Merkel's Stock and Poultry show and Trades day, with a quilt show in conjunction.

Dates for the stock show are Thursday and Friday, Dec. 5 and 6, with the poultry show carrying over through Saturday. The quilt show, sponsored by the Merkel Home Demonstration club, will continue through the three days.

Definite arrangements to use the former Clay Building Material company office, warehouse and yard for the three shows was announced early in the week by Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, general chairman.

Admission to all three divisions will be free, and it also generally known that there is to be no charge for entries in any of the three divisions.

Selection of Jack Walker, an experienced poultry man of Abilene, as judge of the poultry show, was announced Saturday by Supt. Castle Ellis of that division. Judge of the stock show is to be announced later, according to Supt. Elmer Lowe.

A revision of rules for the stock show will permit exhibitors to carry their stock home after 5 p. m. each day, if desired. A further regulation provides that no animals with distemper will be allowed in the show.

QUILT SHOW, ETC.
As president of the Merkel Home Demonstration club, Mrs. Church states the club will booth and tables showing fancy work and demonstrating proper ways of preparing them.

Committees appointed in this division are as follows:
Bread and cakes—Mrs. Chester Hutcherson, Mrs. Joe Owen.
Flowers and pot plants—Mrs. Bob McDonald, Mrs. C. P. Church.

Quilt and rugs—Mrs. R. A. Burgess, Mrs. Mack Buzbee, Miss Lottie Butman.
Canned goods and canning—Mrs. Watt Blair, Mrs. T. J. R. Safford.
Sewing—Misses Luna and Maurine White.

Lunch—Mrs. George White.

Churches of City Hold Union Thanksgiving

Union Thanksgiving service was held on Sunday night at the Methodist church, participated in by several of the churches of the city. The sermon was preached by Rev. John H. Crow, new Methodist pastor.

With Rev. C. R. Joyner in charge, the invocation was given by Rev. Ted McGehee and the scripture reading by Rev. R. A. Walker. Special music included solos by Delma Compton and Alton Bicknell, with special numbers by the choir.

The public schools will have their usual two day holiday, for Thanksgiving, while the banks, postoffice and business houses will close for the usual holiday on Thanksgiving.

FALL BARGAIN DAYS

Help Subscribers Save Money

From now until Jan. 31, 1936, The Mail will continue its present low subscription price. Take further advantage of these low rates by accepting one of the many attractive

CLUBBING RATES

Agents for All Daily Papers

LEGAL NOTICE.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS. SEALED PROPOSALS, addressed to O. J. Adcock, President of the Board of Trustees, Merkel Independent School District, Merkel, Texas, for the construction of an addition to a two-story high school building in accordance with the plans, specifications and instructions to bidders, prepared by David S. Castle Company, architects, will be received at the office of the Board of Trustees, Merkel, Texas, until 10 a. m. Dec. 12, 1935, and then publicly opened and read. The owner has available for this contract approximately \$16,000.00.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract with the Merkel Independent School District, which will contain provisions conforming with the requirements of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, and revisions thereof and the special requirements of the State Director, PWA.

A cashier's or certified check, payable without recourse to the order of Merkel Independent School District, or an acceptable bidder's bond, in an amount not less than five per cent (5%) of the largest possible total bid, including consideration of alternates, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the bidder will promptly enter into a contract and execute a bond on the forms provided, as outlined in the specifications and instructions to bidders.

A performance bond, in an amount not less than one hundred per cent (100%) of the contract price, conditioned on the faithful performance of the contract and upon the payment of all persons supplying labor or furnishing materials, will be required.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the prevailing rates of wages as established by the Merkel Independent School District (owner), approved by the State Director, PWA, and as herein set forth must be paid on the project, namely:

The labor classification and minimum wage scale below have been predetermined by the owner and in accordance with the statutory and PWA requirements and the prevailing local rates, and shall govern on all work performed by the contractor in connection with the construction of the building covered by these specifications submitted as based on not less than the rates of pay indicated in this pre-determined labor classification and minimum wage scale. In no event shall rates of pay be lower than those established by recognized unions operating in the community at the time of the bid opening.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating prices in the proposal, the owner reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the proposal. SKILLED MECHANICS, WHOSE MINIMUM RATE SHALL BE \$1.00 PER HOUR, EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW:

Table listing various trades and their rates: Bricklayer, Carpenter-Finish, Forms, Rough, Caulker, Building openings, Cement finisher, Electrician, Form setter-buildings, Gas fitters, Glazier, Iron worker-structural, Lather-metal, Foreman, Mason-stone, Operators: Mixer (over 5 bags), Motorized equipment, Power saw, Painter, Plasterer, Plumbing, Roofer-composition sheet metal.

Table listing various trades and their rates: Reinforcing steel wkr., Sheet metal worker, Steam and/or pipe fitter, SEMI-SKILLED WORKERS (Rates per hour), Apprentices (all trades), First year, Second year, Third year, Assistants, Electrician helper, Gas fitter's helper, Handyman (all trades), Kettlemen-Asphalt, pipe jointing material and/or tar for roofing, Labor foreman, Leader-fresnoe less than four up and slip scraper, Mechanic (repairman), Mortar mixer (brick and plaster) Operator: Power saw, Truck-1 1-2 ton and/or over, Under, Winchman (nigger head), Plowman, Reinforcement placer, Roof-tar and gravel mop man, Shorer, trench, bracing, etc., Teamster-More than three up, Waterproofer mopman, Window cleaner, Serving laborer, laborer who delivers material to a mechanic as the last operation prior to the installation or assists the mechanic without using tools on union projects, UNSKILLED WORKERS, Common laborer, Teamsters-less than four up, Watchman (under 30 hr. per week), Waterboy, messenger, cook 30 to 40 hr. per week, \$12.00 per week, over 40 hr. per week, Clerical force, under 30 hrs., per hr., 30 to 40 hrs. weekly, \$12.00 to \$16.00. The award of the contract shall be

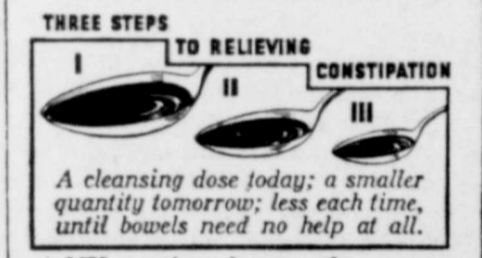
conditioned upon funds being available, and the Merkel Independent School District (owner) shall have the right to hold the bids for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after the date on which bids are opened. Contract will be awarded subject to the approval of the State Director, F.W.A. The owner reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any and/or all formalities. Plans and specifications may be procured from David S. Castle Company, 1082 1-2 N. 1st Street, Abilene, Texas, upon a deposit of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) as a guarantee of the safe return of same. Five dollars (\$5.00) will be deducted from the deposit to pay cost of blue printing, etc. Merkel Independent School Dist. By O. J. Adcock, President, Board of Trustees.

SPECIAL NOTICE. The Mail will run a news mention free of charge of box suppers and benefits in any community, but, if desired more than once, the second publication will be charged for.

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

NO UPSETS

The proper treatment for a bilious child



ANY mother knows the reason when her child stops playing, eats little, is hard to manage. Constipation. But what a pity so few know the sensible way to set things right!

The ordinary laxatives, of even ordinary strength, destroy all hopes of restoring regularity. A liquid laxative is the answer, mothers. The answer to all your worries over constipation. A liquid can be measured. The dose can be exactly suited to any age or need. Just reduce the dose each time, until the bowels are moving of their own accord and need no help.

This treatment will succeed with any child and with any adult. Doctors use a liquid laxative. Hospitals use the liquid form. If it is best for their use, it is best for home use. The liquid laxative they generally use is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Any druggist has it.

The Home of COMFORT COURTESY FRIENDLINESS

THE NEW WORTH HOTEL FORT WORTH TEX.

JACK FARRELL, Manager. "Friendly" is the word here. Smiling attendants greet you everywhere. It's a pleasure to stay here. Ask anyone!

Advertisement for The Worth Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas, featuring 18 floors of cheerful guest rooms, all with bath, and 52 and up.

BLAIR ITEMS

The Baptist protracted meeting will start at the Blair Baptist church Sunday, Dec. 1, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Ted McGehee. Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel, and well known Baptist evangelist, has been invited to do the preaching. Rev. Mr. Joyner is rich in simplicity and frankness of style and presents the gospel facts in a most convincing manner. We invite every church and every one interested to attend these meetings.

Several from here attended the West and Howard funeral services at Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore and family of Tye were seen sporting around in their new Ford V-8 in our midst one day last week.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell attended the bridal shower of Mrs. Alta Bigbee of Merkel in the home of Mrs. Elsie Fredrickson Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Joe Ramsey of Merkel visited friends at Blair Friday.

Mrs. R. B. Horton and children and Mrs. H. E. Campbell visited one day recently in the pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore of Tye.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

THANKFUL: Thursday is Thanksgiving. Once again our bank feels that we have many things for which to be thankful. We're thankful for our friends for after all they're what make life worth living. We're thankful for the confidence you've shown in our bank. For like everyone, we're glad to know that our labors are rewarded. And as 1935 draws to a close we're happy in the thought that the year has shown a definite improvement in business, that the country is slowly but surely working out of the depression with better times ahead for all of us. We hope you're thankful too. THE OLD RELIABLE Farmers & Merchants National Bank Merkel, Texas. "THIRTY YEARS OF UNINTERRUPTED SERVICE" MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS—PHONE 61 MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

Rid Yourself of Kidney Poisons. Do you suffer burning, scanty or too frequent urination; backache, headache, dizziness, loss of energy, leg pains, swellings and puffiness under the eyes? Are you tired, nervous—feel all unstrung and don't know what is wrong? Then give some thought to your kidneys. Be sure they function properly for functional kidney disorder permits excess waste to stay in the blood, and to poison and upset the whole system. Use Doan's Pills. Doan's are for the kidneys only. They are recommended the world over. You can get the genuine, time-tested Doan's at any drug store. DOAN'S PILLS

CHEVROLET The Complete Car. THANK YOU, AMERICA, for more than a Million cars in 1935. This year Chevrolet has two very good reasons for saying, "Thank you, America." One reason is that people have bought so many Chevrolet cars that production for the year will reach 1,040,000. And the other reason is that they have placed a record number of orders for new 1936 Chevrolets during the first few weeks they have been on display. Chevrolet is indeed happy to say, "Thank you, America," and to pledge continued adherence to the manufacturing and service policies which have won and held this friendship. CHEVROLET MOTOR CO., DETROIT, MICH. 6% NEW GREATLY REDUCED G.M.A.C. TIME PAYMENT PLAN. Lowest financing cost in G.M.A.C. history. Compare Chevrolet's low delivered prices. CHEVROLET A GENERAL MOTORS VALUE. The only complete low-priced cars.

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Santa Claus at Reid's Friday Night, Nov. 29th

THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and Sponsored by the Senior Class of '36—Miss Ayleen Ayter, sponsor

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DRAMATIC CLUB.

On Friday Nov. 23, at 7:30 the M. H. S. Players club met for their second club party. The club room looked very attractive decorated in Thanksgiving colors. A miniature turkey bearing the program for the evening, was pinned on each guest. The entertainment committee for the meeting was: Oscar Adcock, Opal Buzbee, Willie B. Toombs, Jr. Grimes, Cohrene Morrison, Cline Satterwhite, Hattie Mae Dwiggin, De La Vergne Teague, Phyllis Smith, Missie Spurgin, Mildred Sosebee, Eva Faye Bush, John Malone and John Leonard.

During the social hour the following program was rendered: Melody of Southern songs, girls chorus; Southern Personalities, Nadine Clack; story, Juanita Huskey; piano solo, Eva Faye Bush; five minute talk, Jane Ferguson; story, Willie Mae Nelson. Several clever games were played. The club members went to the gymnasium-auditorium where "Life as It Ain't" was given by Speech B, and "Signing of the Declaration of Independence" by Speech A. A one-act play entitled "Fanny's Knell" was then presented by Betty Grimes, Janet Hayes, Oscar Adcock and Juanita Huskey.

On returning to the studio the club members and guests were served froz-drum-sticks. The club members were then called to order by the president and a well-planned business ur was held.

About sixty members answered to call. Guests of the club were Miss er, Hardy Moore and Edith Neil. The next regular meeting will be d in December.

PEP SQUAD PRESENTS PROGRAM.

On Thursday, Nov. 21, the Pep ad sponsored a pay chapel at the n. A large number attended the ogram and all who attended cer- nly enjoyed it. Let's hope the Pep ad gives us another program one these days. The proceeds of this ogram will be used to help put on annual Pep Squad-Football ban- t. The program was as follows: aster of ceremonies, Betty Grimes. "In a Little Gypsy Tea Room" and ou're An Old Smoothie," sung by on Bicknell.

Debate: "Resolved that there is more nourishment in the hole of a oughnut than in the fragrance of imburger cheese." Betty Grimes was chairman while the following debated: Junior Grimes, Juanita Huskey, Mary Helen Mashburn and Sylvan Mellinger.

"Cheer Leader Charlie" sung by Wande Huddleston.

Readings by Sue Grimes, Becky Jewel Gaither and Dora Marie Gaither.

"Dinah," sung by girls quartette consisting of Mildred Sosebee, Opal uezbee, Frances Higgins and Hollis rry. An impersonation of "Dinah" as given by Sis Gamble.

PROGRAM.

A very interesting program on "The Home Life of the Orient" was given Monday at 1:30 at the Gram- mar School auditorium.

Professor Joseph R. Scherer, who is an international lecturer, author, journalist, Esperantist and Swiss globe-trotter, can speak six different languages.

Over one hundred and ninety-five different pictures were shown illus- trating the interior and exterior of the homes and building, methods of transportation, ways of eating and the Japanese Hollywood.

Professor Scherer told about the hospitality of the Japanese in their homes. He slept on a different bed for eighteen months during his stay in Japan.

THE TIMID SOUL.

With a fierce roar the lion stalked forward. At each step he gave a roar that sounded like a distant growl of thunder.

Miss Patterson could not move. She was held spellbound, with her eyes focused on that terrible lion. Would he turn or stop? No, on and on he came. She opened her mouth to scream but she could utter no sound. Sweat pour- ed from her face. Her fingernails cut o the palms of her hands. One more p and the terrific lion would leap. Suddenly a shot rang on the still air. echoed and re-echoed. The lion fell d.

Miss Patterson sighed—and closed book.

MERKEL DEFEATS RULE.

Although the Badgers were beaten on all sides Friday, they managed to push over one more touchdown to beat the Rule Bobcats 12-7. Lloyd Vick went over in the first period for the reward and Higgins drove the second one over in the fourth quarter. Neither of the extra points was good.

The Bobcats took the ball and marched right on down for a touch- down in the first three or four min- utes of the game and then kicked their extra point. Rule had a much better team than was expected and gave us all a surprise.

Joyner and Blair were out of the game and W. B. Toombs had some- thing very important to tell his girl in the first half and then he decided he wanted to play some football. So he put on his suit at the half and and played a very good game. Riney was taken out of the game by a knock- out.

We're still back of you Badgers and we don't want all of you to get killed in the game with Anson Wednesday. Of course, if that's what it takes, let's beat them because they are still our rivals.

Our Seniors

Laverne Moore.

Laverne hails from Crossroads. Dur- ing his four years in Merkel High school, he has acquired many friends. Laverne is very quiet, perhaps think- ing twice before he speaks. No doubt we would all be better off if we would take a tip from Laverne and remem- ber that we were given two ears and only one mouth. Thanks for the les- son, Laverne, and good luck to you.

Hugh Leonard.

"Huey" is still alive, and he is not a United States senator, either. (By the way, it's Leonard, not Long.) No, not "Long," but short with blue eyes and curly hair. He has been in Mer- kel High school four years, during which time he has been a member of the Glee club one year and the M. H. S. Player's club one year. He has also played tennis one year. He says he wants to be a merchant, but doesn't say what kind. Maybe he will own part of the U. S. Merchant Marine. Who knows?

SCHOOLROOM GOSSIP.

Maybe it's none of our business but we'd just like to know who Miss Pat- terson's "weakness" is now. If any one who reads this knows, please come around and whisper it in our ear.

The football boys don't seem as bashful about asking for dates to the banquet this year as they were last year. Reckon Mr. Hutto's coaching had anything to do with this?

If any more boys get hurt playing football this year, the girls may be required to be trained nurses before they can be in the Pep Squad next year. This is an unofficial report and has not been fully decided yet.

JOKES.

A student in M. H. S. was taking an examination and came to the fol- lowing question on his exam paper. "What causes a depression." He stud- ied a minute and wrote "God knows, I don't." "Merry Christmas."

When the paper came back he found the professor's notation, "God gets a hundred. You get zero. Happy New Year."

Mabel: "Did anyone ever tell you how wonderful you are?"

Robert: "No. Why?"

Mabel: "I just wondered who gave you the idea."

Victor: "I hate food."

Oscar: "Why?"

Victor: "It spoils my appetite."

Winston F.: "Why did you quit the Glee club?"

Harold M.: "Because one day I didn't sing and someone asked when the piano had been fixed."

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13-Cent Price for Cotton Seen by Cobb

Washington, Nov. 27.—Forecasting 13-cent cotton, Cully A. Cobb, chief of the AAA cotton section, has expressed a belief that a "considerable part" of the 4,450,000 bales controlled by the government under 12-cent loans would be moved to market this season.

"The demand for cotton is strong," Cobb said, "and the European stocks of American cotton have been exhausted. The price has seemed fairly steady recently above 12 cents."

AAA records showed that on Nov. 1, a total of 4,450,678 bales were held under loans of 12 cents a pound. Title to this cotton is still held by the farmers, who obtained the loans, and before the cotton may be sold, officials said the price would have to equal the amount of the loan, plus interest and carrying charges.

It was estimated unofficially that before the loan cotton could be marketed, the price would have to be 13.50 cents a pound.

Cobb said he was "very optimistic" about the outlet for cotton. "Most of the current cotton crop is moving out to market rapidly," he added, and records disclosed that on Nov. 1, only 32,528 bales of 1935 cotton had been placed under the 10-cent loans being made this year.

The 12-cent loans made last year are due Feb. 1. Officials said they believe that the Dec. 8 cotton crop estimate would be slightly below the Nov. estimate of 11,141,000 bales.

Cobb asserted he believed the movement of the 12-cent cotton would not have any material effect upon the market. An extension of the loan is expected, and Cobb said

he believed that the farmers would cease sale of the loan cotton auto- matically to arrest any great price decline.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burleson and children, Joye, Paunne and Roland Jean, returned Monday after a few days visit with Mr. Burleson's father at Nocona.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey and daughter of White Flat, Rev. Arvil Richardson of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Austin and son of Anson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey and family Sunday.

Mrs. W. C. Hudson and daughter, Doris Jane, of San Angelo, are spending the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Higgins and other relatives and friends.

D. W. Head of Rowlett is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gay.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes left Tuesday morning for Dallas to make additional purchases of Christmas goods for the Bragg Dry Goods company.

Miss May Lassiter has returned from a visit near Paris, having accompanied her sister, Mrs. May Ribble, of Abilene.

Verner Jones, of Bagwell, accompanied by Lomax Jones as driver for this truck, were here the latter part of the week as guests in the John Collins home.

Mrs. Homer Patterson, who has been studying voice in California for some time, returned home Saturday.

Jack Patterson, student in Rice university, Houston, is home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Sie Hamm has accepted employment with the Holmes Drug store at Baird, but at least for the present his family will continue to make their residence here.

Among those from Merkel who witnessed the C. U.-Rice game at Fort Worth Saturday were: Mr. and Mrs. Byron Patterson, Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpenning and Bill Harris in one party; Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr., joined by Mrs. Claude Young of Abilene, in another.

Eob Crosby of Roswell, N. M., ranked as the best all-round cowboy in America and winner of many rodeo honors, accompanied by his father, Richard Crosby, were guests the latter part of last week of Elmer Lowe, while attending the Double Heart rodeo.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe were their brother-in-law, A. J. Pruitt, who is highway engineer at Colorado, and wife.

W. G. Cypert visited over the week-end with old friends, W. A. Howard, and family at Stanton.

Mrs. W. J. Largent and children left Wednesday for Plainview, accompanied by Mrs. Largent's mother, Mrs. J. W. Saffle, who had been visiting here some time.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

R & R PALACE

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"THE LAST OUTPOST"

With Carey Grant—Claude Rains

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Buck Jones in

"THE THROWBACK"

Monday—Bargain Day

"I COVER THE WATER-FRONT"

WATCH FOR OPENING DATE OF THE NEW TEXAS THEATRE.

Colds Cause Half Of All Diseases, Gas Company Says

A caution against huddling in one room with windows closed during the winter has been issued by the gas company, which is continuing its series of educational messages on prevention of colds by proper heating and ventilation.

The company started the winter heating season with a program of information designated to assist customers to make their homes more comfortable and more healthful. According to investigations by the company, many colds and other respiratory diseases prevalent in this section in the winter time are due to improper house heating. After exhaustive study and advice from the medical profession, the gas company advises its customers that an even temperature throughout all rooms of the house with a certain amount of moving fresh air is one of the best preventatives of colds to be found.

"Many families huddle in one or two rooms during cold days around a small open flame heater with windows and connecting doors tightly closed," says a current ad in the heat-for-health campaign. "If you are a huddler, you are violating one of the most important rules of personal hygiene and good health. Without adequate circulation air may become as foul and unhealthful as that of a tenement slum, even though the home may be the most beautiful in the neighborhood."

The advertisement states that if people go from an overheated room into a cold hall or unheated adjoining room they have subjected themselves to a condition that makes them highly susceptible to communicable winter diseases.

The common cold germ is called America's Public Health Enemy Number One, because, according to medical authority, 50 per cent of all diseases are traceable to the cold germ. In order to reduce this menace, the gas company advises an even temperature throughout the home with warm air in every room.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 7c each at Merkel Mail office.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Original Brunk's Comedians Coming

The original Brunk's Comedians are coming back to Merkel. That will be news of interest to thousands of people of Taylor county and all this section.

Brunks come here under the auspices of the Merkel Fireboys and will open their engagement Monday night in their tent theatre opposite the Queen theatre with "What Every Woman Should Know."

Headed this year by Henry L. Brunk and Glen D. Brunk, the show is said to have the greatest personnel that it has ever carried. With band and orchestra and a cast of real actors and actresses, it has enjoyed the greatest business in its entire history, it was said. Now in its twenty-second year of theatrical productions, it has gained the reputation of being one of the best companies on the road.

This year the Brunks have spared neither time nor expense to make it the best they have ever had. A new larger tent and interior, new scenery, and in fact everything new this season but the name. Two hours of fun. Good clean amusement at a low price in the entertainment offer of Brunk's Comedians.

Prices announced are 10 cents for children and 20 cents for adults, with one woman being admitted free upon presentation of the coupon from the advertisement appearing in this issue of The Mail.

Mrs. Briggs Attends Funeral of Sister

Mrs. Duncan Briggs returned Sunday night from Ringling, Okla., where she went on Thursday of last week upon receiving news of the death of her sister, Mrs. Joe B. Steele, who had undergone an appendicitis operation on the Monday previous. The burial took place Saturday at Waurika, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Steele was reared here and has many friends who will regret to learn of her death. Survivors are her husband, five children, one sister, Mrs. Briggs, and four brothers: M. P. Browning, Perryton; G. L. Browning, Aransas Pass; A. C. Browning, Big Spring, and Dr. W. M. Browning, Waurika, Okla.

Try a Classified Ad for Results.

Group of Teachers Off to Convention

Supt. R. A. Burgess and five others of the School faculty from Merkel will attend the annual meeting of the State Teachers association which convenes in San Antonio the last three days of the week.

The following teachers expect to go: Misses Julia Martin, Evelyn Curb and Vennie Heizer, Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes and Mrs. Len Sublett. Supt. Burgess will be accompanied by his wife.

An attendance of probably 10,000 teachers is anticipated.

Largents Ship Herd to Chicago International

Shipping 25 head of their Hereford show cattle ahead of him, Willie Joe Largent has gone to Chicago for the 1935 International Live Stock exposition, which begins Nov. 30 and continues through Dec 7.

It was at the 1932 International exhibition that the Largents won grand champion steer with their entry named Texas Special.

Death Claims Brother Of Merkel Woman

Funeral services were held at Abilene on Wednesday of last week for Harvey Darnell, 35, World war veteran and brother of Mrs. B. G. Stolp of Merkel, who died in a veterans hospital at St. Louis on the previous Sunday.

Besides his wife and one daughter, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Darnell, two sisters besides Mrs. Stolp and two brothers.

Going for a Record.

A six-year-old who picked 516 pounds of cotton in three days bids fair to set a record, if that is not a record in itself. In three successive days John Wesley English, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. English and grandson of J. W. Reynolds, picked 168, 172 and 176 pounds, respectively.

Merchants Sales Books 5c, six for 25c or 25 for \$1.00. At Merkel Mail office.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Burial in Hamlin for F. M. Rutledge, 78

F. M. Rutledge, 78, died at 11:30 Friday night of last week at the home of his son J. E. Rutledge, here. Death was due to a series of complications.

The body was carried overland to Hamlin in the Barrow funeral coach Saturday, and burial took place there Sunday afternoon, services being held from the Church of Christ.

Mr. Rutledge, who made his home with a daughter in McClain, was visiting his son here when he became ill about 15 days ago.

Besides the son residing in Merkel, he is survived by three other sons, two daughters and 14 grandchildren.

We carry gray edged sympathy cards in stock, also regular mourning correspondence cards. The Merkel Mail.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

Granddaughter of Mrs. Black Dies at Ballinger

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black, accompanied by the former's mother, Mrs. B. M. Black, went to Ballinger Wednesday of last week to attend the funeral of Miss Florence Smith, granddaughter of Mrs. Black and niece of Carl's who died Tuesday from the after-effects of a spider bite.

Mrs. B. M. Black remained here to be with her daughter, Mrs. Archie Smith, mother of the deceased.

Marries in Manila.

Manila, Nov. 27.—George C. Butte, an American justice of the Philippine supreme court and former dean of the University of Texas school of law, married Angela Papa, Filipino widow of a former member of the Manila municipal board, Monday.

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FOR SALE.

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RURAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL JONES CO. H. D. COUNCIL MEETING.

At their regular meeting in Anson last week Home Demonstration council officers for 1936 were elected and annual reports of committees given.

Officers elected were: Mrs. Robert Manley, Willow Creek club, president; Mrs. J. W. Chandler, Liberty New Hope club, vice-president; Mrs. V. L. Merritt, Noodle club, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Fred Carter, Leuders club, reporter; Mrs. Marvin Carlton, Neinda club, parliamentarian.

Committee chairmen will be named at the January council meeting.

The new book committee gave a sketch of the year book for 1936. This committee has devised a plan whereby the year books may be printed with little expense. (A schedule is being sent to clubs asking each club to assist in mimeographing said books Dec. 9-12. This work is to be carried on in the district court room.

Another project of interest to club women is that of pooling the tax free (110 pounds) cotton allowed each farmer for mattress-making. By such a pool mattress factories agree to reduce their prices.

BRIDAL SHOWER.

Mrs. R. B. Horton entertained Thursday with a bridal shower, complimenting Mrs. Arthur Moore, the former Miss Bessie Lou Windham.

With a color scheme of pink and orchid the Thanksgiving theme was stressed throughout all details. Games and contests were enjoyed in which Mrs. Price Melton won first prize and Arthur Moore, second.

The bride received many useful and practical gifts, and after they were shown and admired a dainty menu of cake, chocolate and candies were served.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell welcomed the guests, Mesdames Dee Moore and Price Melton and Miss Erma Dell Berry assisted the hostess in the dining room.

Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames R. E. Windham, Lila Brooks, Susie Doan, George Anderson, Dee Moore, J. W. Mayfield, J. T. Melton, Adrian Farmer, E. H. Brown, A. C. Windham; Mesdames Tommie Seymour, Carl Doan, Marvin Melton, Kenneth Mayfield, Price Melton and Miss Erma Della Berry, Mrs. Hugh

Campbell, the honoree and hostess, also twelve children were present.

UNION RIDGE P. T. A.

The Union Ridge P. T. A. met Friday night, Nov. 22, when the following program was rendered:

Song, "Home on the Range."
Prayer, J. H. Clark.
Song, school children.
Song, Willie Joe Clark and Bennie Hodges.

Supt. Roger A. Burgess of the Merkel schools made an interesting talk, and Mrs. Humphrey installed the new officers.

Mulligan stew, crackers and coffee were served to a large crowd.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday in the home of Mrs. S. G. Russell. The meeting was called to order by the outgoing president, Mrs. M. F. Carey.

A report of a club entertainment held recently was given, showing net proceeds of about \$17. A vote of thanks was extended to every one who helped to put the program over.

New officers were elected as follows: Miss Mabel McRee, president; Mrs. D. Cox, vice-president; Mrs. M. F. Cary, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Lige Harris and Mrs. O. R. Douglas, council members; Mrs. Dale Burleson,

recreation chairman, and Miss Mary Bell Douglas, reporter.

Those present were Mesdames D. Cox, M. F. Carey, O. R. Douglas, S. G. Russell, Jr., W. A. Harris, W. D. Burleson, Lige Harris, S. G. Russell, Kenneth Pee, J. L. McRee, Lee Tipton, M. L. Douglas, Dale Burleson, Misses Mabel McRee, Alice Russell and Mary Bell Douglas.

The next meeting will be on Friday, Dec. 6, in the home of Mrs. Lee Tipton. Plans for a Christmas program will be worked out.

CARD OF THANKS.

We hereby express our deepest appreciation for every remembrance and kindness shown during our great sorrow in the home-going of our father, J. T. Howard.

The Family.

NOTICE.

Every member of the Woodmen of the World is requested to be present at the regular meeting Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. Election night and other business of interest to come up.

W. L. Blair, C. C.
W. M. Elliott, Clerk.

Two full lines of cosmetics—Marie Tomlin's and Boyer's—Vick Drug Company.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

92nd Birthday of Trent Woman is Celebrated

Ninety-second birthday of Mrs. S. L. Phillips was celebrated at a surprise party Saturday in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Joe Winter, at Goodman. Mrs. Phillips makes her home with a son, W. A. Phillips, who lives at Trent.

Children attending, besides the two named, were Mrs. Belle Powell of Buena Vista, Mrs. Minnie McGregor of Knott, Walter Phillips and Mrs. S. E. Fomroy of Trent.

Other relatives present were: Joe Winter, Mrs. Walter Phillips, Mrs. W. A. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winter, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rosson, Claude Rosson, Jr., Taft; Mrs. J. W. Smith, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Phillips, Trent; Winton McGregor, Carlsbad, N. M.; J. D. McGregor, Dellie McGregor, Elva Joe McGregor and Lillie McGregor, Knott; Mrs. Delmar McLeod, Jimmie Lou McLeod, Audra Phillips, Mrs. A. W. Woods, Trent; Mrs. Ed Mays and Mrs. Emory Hughes of Fort Worth.

MELTON-BIGBEE.

Justice of the Peace N. D. Cobb performed the ceremony at noon Sunday uniting in marriage Miss Nellie Bigbee and Mr. Edward Lewis Melton.

THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, NOV. 29-30

- Oranges, dozen 22c
- Grapes, 2 pounds 13c
- Celery, stalk 15c
- Grapefruit, 6 for 19c
- Cranberries, quart 22c
- Apples, Delicious, doz. 15c
- Yams, 10 pounds 19c
- Fresh Cocoanuts, each 8c
- Supreme
Salad Wafers, 2 lb. box 29c
- Supreme
Cake-O-Fruit, each 25c
- U. S. No. 1
Spuds, 10 pounds 23c

COFFEE

- Early Riser, pound 15c
- Mart, pound 25c
- Red and White, pound 29c

FLOUR

- Red and White
12 pound sack 65c
- 24 pound sack \$1.20
- 48 pound sack \$2.25

- Red and White
Cranberry Sauce, 17 oz. can 20c
- Red and White
Flav-R-Jell, all flavors, pkg. . 5c
- Del Dixi
Pickles, sour or dill, qt. 15c
- Red and White
Pineapple, cru. or sli., No. 1 10c

- Red and White
Pears, No. 2 1-2 can 23c
- Red and White
Fruit Cocktail, No. 1 can 17c
- Medium
Crisco, 3 pounds 59c
- Kuner's
Pumpkin, No. 2 can 10c
- Bird Brand
Shortening, 4 lb. carton 55c
- Pure Cane
Sugar, 10 pounds 55c
- Red and White
Spices, per can 10c
- Red and White
Peas, No. 2 can 18c
- Red and White
Mince Meat, package 9c
- Red and White
Corn Starch, package 12c
- Red and White
Pickles, sweet or sour, jar 24c
- Red and White
Chili Sauce, 12 oz. jar 25c
- Red and White
Catsup, 14 oz. bottle 17c
- Sun Spun
Salad Dressing, pint 23c
- Red and White
Marshmallows, 1 pound 18c
- Powdered or Brown
Sugar, 2 packages 17c
- Pecan
Halves, 1-2 pound 22c
- Budded
Walnuts, pound 22c
- Seedless
White Raisins, pound 15c
- Cheese, pound 24c
- Salt Jowls, pound 19c
- Sliced Bacon, pound 33c

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A. W. WOOD, Trent
D. C. HERRING & Son, Noodle

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A HOUSE FULL OF BEAUTIFUL AND SUBSTANTIAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Come Make Your Selection Now—We will hold it for you till Christmas.

PRICES REDUCED ON EVERYTHING

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Merkel, Texas

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Raymond O'Neal of Novice is a guest this week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rosson and son, Junior, of Taft, were guests from Friday to Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods, and attended the birthday celebration of Grandmother Phillips of Goodman.

Rev. John Reynolds and family of Clyde were week-end guests of his parents.

Mrs. Hugh Crawford of Stamford was a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens. Her guest, Mrs. Chas. F. Myro of Houston, accompanied her.

Mrs. Harold Bowles and children have moved to Sweetwater, where her husband is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English and Mr. and Mrs. M. Raz of Hermleigh were Sunday guests of relatives.

Charles Huff and son, Leo, of Divide attended to business here Saturday.

Mrs. Jannie B. Garner of Colorado was guest last Friday of Mrs. Hattie Gafford and attended the regular meeting of the Woodman Circle Friday night.

Rev. Foy of Tye visited some with friends here Saturday and Sunday and filled his appointment at White Flat.

Miss Earline Riley of Coleman was a recent guest of her sisters, Mesdames H. West and A. Duncan.

Mrs. L. R. Bishop of Glendale, Calif., came last week for an extended visit with relatives and friends.

Carl Murdock spent several days last week visiting at Brownfield and Beulah.

DEATH OF MRS. MOLLIE SMITH.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mollie Smith, who died in Houston last Thursday, were held from the Methodist church here Sunday at 2:30 o'clock, with Rev. W. W. Riley, pastor, officiating.

Interment was in Trent cemetery, beside the grave of her husband, Jack Smith, who preceded her in death several years ago.

Mrs. Smith, who was 61 years old, was a native Texan. Surviving are two daughters, Etta Cox and Bertha Daniels; five sons, Floyd, T. J. and H. B. Smith, all of Houston, O. H. Smith, Tyler, and C. L. Smith of Sweetwater; four sisters, Mrs. Dora Freeman and Mrs. Dollie Blankenship, Trent; Mrs. Eva Vick, of Portales, N. M., and Rossie Kenner, of Durant, Okla.; one brother, Albert Purser, Tent, 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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.

See special combination offer Semi-Weekly Farm News and Merkel Mail in this issue.

Two full lines of cosmetics—Marie Tomlin's and Boyer's—Vick Drug Company.

Merchants Sales Books 5c, six for 25c or 25 for \$1.00. At Merkel Mail office.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

DON'T SLEEP ON LEFT SIDE—AFFECTS HEART

If stomach GAS prevents sleeping on right side try Adlerika. One dose brings out poisons and relieves gas pressing on heart so you sleep soundly all night. While they last SPECIAL 10c Trial Sizes on sale at Merkel Drug Company.

Getting Up Nights

If you suffer from Getting Up Nights, Nervousness, Leg Pains, Swollen Joints, Dizziness, Headaches, Loss of Pop, Burning, Smarting, Itching Acidity due to Functional Kidney or Bladder troubles, try the Doctor's guaranteed prescription—Cystex (Slim-toe). Must bring new vitality in 48 hours, and satisfy completely in 3 days or money back. Guaranteed Cystex costs only 2c a dose at druggists.

Mattress Factory

Old Mattresses Made New Work Guaranteed Beds called for and delivered One day service

H. L. Simpson and Son

Front Street Opposite Depot

Chevrolet Knee Action Entering Third Year

Motorists will welcome the news, contained in Chevrolet's 1936 announcement, that fully-enclosed knee action is being continued as a feature of the new Master deluxe models, according to W. E. Holler, vice-president and general sales manager of the Chevrolet Motor company, who declares that knee action has registered with the motor-car buying public as one of the most important refinements ever incorporated in motor cars.

"After thorough demonstration of its abilities, in hundreds of millions of miles of use on every kind of road, and in every climate, Chevrolet knee

action is now entering upon its third year," said Mr. Holler. "Refinements have been made in the unit, but its design and the purpose behind it remain basically the same as when it was introduced, while the riding comfort and driving ease which it ushered in have been carried to new heights. "Now that knee action and the resultant fine riding and steering qualities have become acknowledged essentials, there will be an increasing wave of orders from those who have heretofore been hesitant. Their friends have reported favorably and enthusiastically; but the thought that the feature might not be retained in the 1936 product has doubtless held back thousands who would otherwise have bought long before this. With that final question dispelled, and knee

action established as an unqualified success, they will cast aside their hesitancy and gratify that desire to own and drive the most comfortable car we have ever created."

Mr. Holler also pointed out that knee action had undergone hundreds of thousands of miles of development work and testing, both at the General Motors proving ground and on the road, before its introduction; and the thoroughness of this preliminary work, so characteristic of Chevrolet

engineering operations, was reflected in the public's instant acceptance of knee action as a major improvement, and in the long trouble-free service which it has given in the hands of owners. Official figures for the year to date show that 98 per cent of all Master deluxe models sold were equipped with knee action, offered as optional equipment.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

We carry gray edged sympathy cards in stock, also regular mourning correspondence cards. The Merkel Mail.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Tax Notice

The City Council for the City of Merkel has passed the following regulations in regard to 1935 City Taxes—"Those Who So Desire May Pay Half their 1935 Tax Before Dec. 1st and the Last Half Before May 1st, 1936."

PAY 1/2 YOUR CITY TAX THIS MONTH

PAY LAST 1/2 BEFORE MAY 1st, 1936

ABSOLUTELY FREE

ONE BATTER WHIP with the purchase of a sack of

BELLE OF WICHITA

Famous Texas Flour

Any size—Offer Limited—Get Yours at once

48 lbs. \$2.20 24 lbs. \$1.15

McDONALD GROCERY

Phone 259

"HUDDLED"

behind a

CLOSED DOOR!



Many families "huddle" in one or two rooms, during cold days, around a small open flame heater with windows and connecting doors tightly closed. If you are a "huddler," you are violating one of the most important rules of personal hygiene and good health!

Stagnant air is depressing and fails to produce the stimulating effect of air in motion. Connecting doors left open between adjoining rooms, when the entire house is adequately heated for comfort, provide a natural circulation of pure, warm air from one room to the other. Without adequate circulation air may become as foul and unhealthy as that of the tenement slums, even though the home may be the most beautiful in the neighborhood.

If you heat only one or two rooms at a time . . . if you "huddle" in these rooms with connecting doors tightly closed, sudden temperature changes are unavoidable. Your family goes from an overheated room where the temperature has climbed past the point necessary for comfort, into a cold hall or unheated adjoining room. Then, shivering and chilled, they return to the heated room. This happens many times a day and each time they have unnecessarily subjected themselves to conditions that make them susceptible to highly communicable winter diseases. America's Public Health Enemy Number One, the common cold germ, finds a fertile field in an inadequately heated and poorly ventilated home.

Don't "huddle" in one or two rooms during the short winter season. . . . Guard the health of your loved ones with adequate heat and proper circulation of pure, warm air in every room in the house.

. . . Community Natural Gas Co.



Tune in each Thursday night at 6:30, WFAA-WBAP, for vital facts to help you guard your family against the common cold germ.

The Season of Thanksgiving



The Story of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day, in the United States, is an annual festival of thanksgiving for the mercies of the closing year. Practically it is a national harvest festival, fixed by proclamation of the President and the Governors of the States, and ranks as a legal holiday.

In 1789 the Episcopal church formally recognized the civil government's authority to appoint such a feast, and in 1888 the Roman Catholic church also decided to honor a festival which had long been nearly universally observed—though nowhere with such zest as in the New England States, where it ranks as the great annual family festival, taking the place which in England is accorded to Christmas.

The earliest harvest thanksgiving in America was kept by the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth in 1621, and was repeated often during that and the ensuing century; Congress recommended days of thanksgiving annually during the revolution, and in 1784 for the return of peace—as did President Madison in 1815. Washington appointed such a day in 1789 after the adoption of the constitution, and in 1795 for the general benefits and welfare of the nation.

Since 1817 the festival has been observed annually in New York, and since 1863 the Presidents have always issued proclamations appointing the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.

This Page Dedicated to the Spirit of Thanksgiving by the Following Business Concerns:

- The Farmers and Merchants National Bank
- Farmers State Bank in Merkel
- Orchid Beauty Shoppe
- Eli Case and Son
- Johnson Insurance Agency
- Bob McDonald Barber Shop
- William T. Sadler, M. D.
- Maurine's Beauty Shop
- Blake's Dry Cleaners
- Campbell's Grocery and Market
- N. D. Cobb, J. P.
- Richie and Jackson Garage
- Carson Grocery
- City Furniture and Hardware
- Woozy's Cafe
- Dandy Bakery
- Woodrum Filling Station
- Sheppard and Shelton Ice Co.
- A. R. Booth Grocery
- L. C. Zehnpfennig, D. D. S.
- Max Mellinger
- Reid Variety Store
- Merkel Drug Co.
- Modern Beauty Shop
- Wheeler and Vaughn Market
- Petty and West Sanitary Barber Shop
- Bragg Dry Goods Company
- West Company
- R. I. Grimes, M. D.
- Merkel Motor Company
- Sheppard Dry Goods
- Neill's Cafe
- W. O. Boney, Insurance
- A. B. Patterson Market
- Vick Drug Company
- McDonald Grocery
- Ed's Cafe
- City Shoe Shop
- Whiteley Bros. Service Station
- Darsey Furniture Company
- O. J. Adcock, Postmaster
- Renfro and Allday Cleaners
- Wood Grocery
- Buck's Shoe Shop
- Black's Radio Shop
- E. L. Wilson, Jeweler
- Chas. Jones
- Fox Wrecking Shop
- Cotton's Sandwich Shop
- Dr. Curley's Place
- Hughes Motor Company
- Liberty Service Station
- Hunter and Sublett Bros.
- Bird Bros. Service Station
- Barron Motor Company
- Tom's Wrecking Yard
- C. B. Gardner, M. D.
- Po-Po Sandwich Shop
- Merkel Mail
- M. Armstrong, M. D.



President's Proclamation

I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the 28th of November, 1935, as a day of national thanksgiving.

In traversing a period of national stress our country has been knit together in a closer fellowship of mutual interest and common purpose. We can well be grateful that more and more of our people understand and seek the greater good of the greater number. We can be grateful that selfish purpose of personal gain, at our neighbor's loss, less strongly asserts itself. We can be grateful that peace with other nations continues through recognition of our own peaceful purpose.

But in appreciation of the blessings that Divine Providence has bestowed upon us in America, we shall not rejoice as the Pharisee rejoiced. War and strife still live in the world. Rather must America, by example and practice, help to bind the wounds of others, strive against disorder and aggression, encourage the lessening of distress among people and advance peaceful trade and friendship.

The future of many generations of mankind will be greatly guided by our acts in these present years. We have a new trail.

Let us then on the day appointed offer our devotions and our humble thanks to Almighty God and pray that the people of America will be guided by Him in helping their fellow men.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this 12th day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-five, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixtieth.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.



DELEGATE REPORT.
Members of the Fortnightly Study club were privileged to hear a splendid and inspiring report of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs convention, which recently convened in Austin, when Mrs. R. O. Pearson, Jr., delegate, opened her home on last Thursday evening in a call-social meeting and gave the report.

Plans were formulated at this meeting for a buffet-supper to compliment Mrs. Joseph Perkins, president of sixth district Federated clubs who will address the local club on Dec. 2. Mrs. Pearson served a refreshing fruit drink and wafers to the following club members: Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, R. I. Grimes, C. H. Jones, Tom Largent, Frank McFarland, C. B. Gardner, Thos. Durham, Misses Christine Collins, Julia Martin, Steel Ledger, Dora Garoutte.

LUNCHEON.
Woody's cafe at the noon hour on last Sunday was the scene of a gay party to compliment the return that morning of Mrs. Homer Patterson, who has been studying voice for some time in California. Mr. Patterson also named his son, Jack Patterson, a student in Rice university, Houston, who is home for the Thanksgiving holidays, as an honor guest.

Those enjoying Mr. Patterson's hospitality were: Mrs. Patterson, Miss Rachael Patterson, Jack Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon, Miss Dorothy Lee Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Patterson, Miss Mamie Walker and Comer Patterson.

GLEANER CLASS.
Members of the Gleaner class of the Methodist Sunday school were entertained Thursday afternoon of last week in the home of Mrs. Eli Case, with Mesdames Fred Latham, Robert Hicks and R. F. Mashburn as co-hostesses.

Following a business meeting, games of "42" and contests centering about the Thanksgiving theme were enjoyed.

A refreshment plate of chicken salad, wafers, miniature pumpkins, fashioned of cheese, stuffed dates and coffee were served to Mesdames W. E. Lowe, Lee Tipton, Dee Grimes, E. Clyde Smith, R. A. Burgess, Ross Ferrier, Tom Largent, W. W. Wood, Herbert Patterson, F. E. Church, Clyde Sears, D. H. Vaughn, Earl Mashburn, John Shannon, W. S. J. Brown, T. L. Grims and the hostesses.

Taylor County Farm Unit is Organized

A Taylor County Agricultural association, composed of representatives of community farm units set up recently, was organized last Friday afternoon in the office of Knox Farr, county agent, Abilene.

J. Walter Hammond of Tye who was selected chairman accepted the place temporarily and a permanent chairman will be chosen at an early date. Austin Robertson of Salt Branch is vice-chairman and L. A. Groene of Pleasant Hill is secretary. Hammond and Groene were chosen delegates to the third annual meeting of the state agriculture association, to be held in Dallas, Dec. 3, 4 and 5. H. R. Clemmer of Tye and Austin Robertson were named alternates.

The association is to hold monthly meetings, the time to be determined. County units represented at the meeting were: Butterfield, J. P. Keith and D. T. Petree; Tye, E. D. Thomas; Elmdale, N. A. Estes, H. R. Clemmer and Frank Antilley; Mt. Pleasant, D. J. Curb; Blair, Z. V. Moore, and T. H. Spears; Shep, B. H. Pritchard and Jim Hope; Salt Branch, Jesse Higgins and Aaron Horton.

The county has four other community organizations, Potosi, Trent, Tuscola and Bradshaw. Others will probably be organized soon.

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

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
With no report from the Nazarene church, the other five Sunday schools showed an attendance of only 576 last Sunday, as compared with 604 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 849 were present.

METHODIST CHURCH.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Come study with us. You will find a class well organized, that will extend to you a hearty welcome.

Preaching 11 a. m. by the pastor. Evening service begins promptly at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7 p. m. Woman's missionary society meets every Monday 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Church, president.

You will always find a welcome in the Methodist church.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Preaching Sunday evening at 7:15 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

You are cordially invited to all of these services. Strangers welcome.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. BTS at 6:15 p. m.

Next Monday the WMU will observe their season of prayer at the church at an all day meeting—meeting at 9:30 o'clock. Each lady will bring a covered dish.

Prayer meeting at 7:15 Wednesday evening.

ALATHEAN CLASS.
Our class teacher is back with us. We are glad to have her home again. So let's all be present and have a full class. There are five Sundays in Dec. Let's set a record for this month. It is a month of thinking and giving. So let's give our present to our class and a welcome to all who will come and worship with us.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's day preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Brother A. J. Rollins, young people's program 6 p. m.

Wednesday evening's program is varying for a time, as Brother Rollins is bringing with him one of the young preachers from A. C. C., who will preach Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sunday morning we were uplifted

QUEEN THEATRE

Merkel, Texas
"Showing the Pick of the Pictures"

Thursday
Special Thanksgiving Program
Tom Brown and Carol Stone in
Gene Stratton Porter's Best Seller

"FRECKLES"
Two Reel Comedy

Friday-Saturday
Harry Carey in
"WAGON TRAIL"

"The Miracle Rider" Chapter 11
Our Gang Comedy, "Shrimp for a Day"

Saturday Night Preview 11 P. M., Monday and Tuesday
Guy Kibbee, Zasu Pitts and Edward Everett Horton in

"GOING Highbrow"
Two Reel Comedy

Wednesday-Thursday
Marion Davies, Dick Powell, Pat O'Brien and Frank McHugh in

"PAGE MISS GLORY"
Two Reel Comedy

Don't Forget Thursday Night

Wolf Twins



The Wolf Twins will be seen in feature acts each night next week with Brunk's Comedians.

Local Donors to Will Rogers Memorial Fund

Up to Wednesday noon local subscription to the Will Rogers Memorial fund reported by C. J. Glover, sub-chairman, amounted to \$9.20.

While the original plan was to close the subscription lists with Thanksgiving day, it has been announced they will be received up to Dec. 14.

Names of local donors to the fund follow: J. T. Warren, John H. Leonard, Goodman Boy Scout Troop 19, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wells, Booth Warren, Joe Higgins, Mrs. Joe Higgins, Eunice Higgins Buzbee, Orien Higgins, Ernest Higgins, Loyce Higgins, Dorothy Higgins, Ruby Joe Higgins, Jessie Higgins Robert Higgins, Jerry Allen, Dan Higgins, John Westenhover, W. L. Foy and family, C. J. Glover.

See special combination offer Semi-Weekly Farm News and Merkel Mail in this issue.

FLOWERS

For ALL OCCASIONS

MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP

as Brother Ernest C. Dowell brought a message on "The Three Gardens." Sunday evening we were made to rejoice again as the pastor's father, Rev. A. M. Dowell, delivered another great message on "The High Cost of the Best."

If you want to hear plain, earnest old-time gospel preaching, come every Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. We invite you to our Bible school every Sunday 10 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Singing every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Bill Dowell, Pastor.

CARD OF THANKS.

To those whose kindly, thoughtful deeds brought joy and comfort to our beloved husband and father during his last days; to those who daily expressed a concern over his condition during his long illness; to those who helped to administer unto him, and who did what could be done to alleviate his suffering; to Dr. C. B. Gardner for his untiring medical attention; to those who expressed their sympathy in the beautiful floral offerings; to the many friends, both in and out of town, who came to pay their respects during the last sad rites; to the ministers of the town who dismissed their morning services—we, the family of the late G. F. West, extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

May the blessings of Almighty God dwell richly with you forever.

Mrs. G. F. West.
Paul W. West.
Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren and Family.
Mr. and Mrs. H. C., Jas. H. and Jno. R. West and Families.

TWO PAPERS FOR \$1.50.
The Semi-Weekly Farm News costs \$1.00 per year—the Merkel Mail, \$1.00 per year in Taylor county, (\$1.50 outside of Taylor county); both papers for \$1.50 in Taylor county, \$2.00 elsewhere. Send in your order, whether new subscriber or renewal.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Oh, Boy! Oh, Joy! Look!

WHOSE COMING

All Next Week

Auspices Fire Department
In Huge Waterproof Tent, Starting

Monday, Dec. 2-7

HENRY L. and GLENN D.

(Original)

Brunk's Comedians

THE SHOW YOU ALL KNOW

Opening Play Monday Night

"What Every Woman Should Know"

4 BIG VAUDEVILLE ACTS EACH NIGHT 4

LOOK! LOOK!

This coupon and 20c will admit one lady and one gentleman, or two ladies on Dec. 2-3-4-5

Seat 1,200. Prices: Children, 10c Adults, 20c
Tent located Opposite Queen Theatre

George F. West

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Ida Wiman, of Merkel, who survives. To this union were born three sons and one daughter, Jas. H. West, John R. West, Paul W. West and Mrs. Booth Warren, all of whom survive. Also left to mourn his passing are eleven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one niece, Mrs. J. R. Barnett.

In the early days, George West was one of the founders of the First Christian church of Merkel, in which he was an elder and superintendent of Sunday School. For a long while this church survived the hardships of the pioneer period but later was disbanded.

About four years ago he joined the Methodist church in which he was a steward at the time of his death.

A pioneer in the true sense of the word, a man of unerring judgment in business, possessed of a brilliant mind which evidenced itself in keen wit and a fine sense of humor, his devotion to the highest standards, both in business, church and home circles, stamped him as a man whom every one was glad to call friend, one to whom every one can point as a rich example of a true Christian, a worthy husband and father, an honorable citizen.

Let Contract Dec. 12 For School Addition

The detailed plans for the four-room addition to the Merkel High school have been completed by David S. Castle company, Abilene, were sent to PWA headquarters at Fort Worth some days ago and have now been approved.

Contract is to be let in Merkel, Thursday, Dec. 12. Notice of a letting appears elsewhere in this issue of The Mail.

Supt. Burgess on Monday of week received official notice that bond transcript had been approved the attorney general at Austin, that the PWA office at Fort Worth had approved the bond transcript.

The bonds are now ready for printer, the Steck company, Austin, whom contract for printing the bonds was given. The bonds should be printed within a very few days.

Two full lines of cosmetic Marie Tomlin's and Boyer's Wick Drug Company.

If you have any visitors. Phone 61.

Standard Typewriter Ribbon each at Merkel Mail office.

ELI CASE & SON

Groceries, Fresh Produce, Feeds
Phone 234 Prompt Service

Lettuce	Large firm heads each	5c
Celery	Large and well bleached Per stalk	15c
Green Beans, nice and tender, lb.		10c
Cranberries, per pound		20c
Yams, per peck		25c
Bananas, Oranges, Apples, doz.		15c
Grapefruit	Marsh Seedless, large size Dozen	45c

FLOUR! FLOUR!

Pillsbury Best	2.20	Hill Billy	2.30
American Beauty		Light Crust	
Bewley's Best			

WHITE SWANN	9 ounce	10c
MINCE MEAT	Pkgs.	

S. Dressing	Quart	25c
	Jars	

FOLGER'S COFFEE

	Drip or Perculator		
2 lb. can	59c	5 lb. can	\$1.4

Mackerel, tall cans, 3 for	25c
Pork & Beans, 16 ounce cans	5c
Chili, pure meat, large cans	15c
Catsup, 14 ounce bottles, 2 for	25c
Salt, Mortons 26 oz. pkgs., 3 for	25c
Corn Flakes, Kellogg's, per package	10c
Crackers, A-1 Saltines, 2 lb. box	19c

CRYSTAL WHITE SOAP	5 Giant bars	25c
	One Super Suds FREE	

OATS	3 lb. Pkgs	19c
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Matches	Carton of 6 boxes	16c
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SUN BRITE CLEANSER	Per Can	5c
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Santa Claus at Reid's Friday Night, Nov. 29