

## ALL-STARS OF MERKEL SEEK COMPETITION

Rally by Ex-Student Players And Coaches to Bolster Athletic Fund; Wherewithal Lacking to Buy Sweaters.

The All-Stars of Merkel, Trent and other neighboring vicinities have come to the aid of the 1935 athletic fund by offering their services as bone and muscle to be fed to the "wild men" of other teams.

There have been quite a number of players of bygone days offer to play, and the proceeds will go toward paying for about \$300 worth of equipment and awarding sweaters to the 1935 lettermen.

Coaches Hutto and Myers will play alongside of Oscar Adeock, Robert Higgins, Zerk Robertson, R. T. Blair, Duane Pangle and other 1935 stars.

The holidays will give us David Gamble, Bussy Boaz, Cal McAninch, Jack Patterson, Milton Shannon and others. Coach Hutto reports that the invincible "Hoss" Tittle of a few years back will be in the thickest part of the fray. Tittle will long be remembered as a "wheel-horse" goal-kicking man mountain from Trent.

That versatile J. E. Boaz is also expected to again thrill the multitude with some fine passing, kicking and running. It is hoped that Byron and Clesby Patterson can find time to play. Benny Sheppard, an exceptionally good end, is anxious to demonstrate.

There are some other fine players not mentioned. The line, it is said, will balance 200 pounds and the backfield will be fast and versatile.

The All-Stars can really give the fans some entertainment and will probably play four games, including Christmas and New Year's day.

The All-Stars are to play the Hamlin All-Stars at Hamlin on Friday, Dec. 13. The All Stars have no superstitious and are really ready to do battle.

## Merkel Streets Gay In Holiday Lighting

Streamers of multi-colored street lights and an illuminated and decorated Christmas tree gave added emphasis here to the spirit of the Christmas season when the current was turned on Saturday, rightly placing Merkel in the class of West Texas' more progressive cities.

The Christmas tree was the gift of the Lions club to the city. The streamers of lights were made possible by subscriptions from merchants. Among donors not included in the list published in The Mail last week, are: W. O. Boney, Higginbotham-Bartlett company and Melton grocery.

## Burns Prove Fatal For Melvin Fleming

Word was received here Tuesday by Mrs. E. W. King, an aunt, of the death of Melvin Fleming at an El Paso hospital. Both Melvin and his wife were badly burned early Monday morning when a stove exploded in their home at Hill, N.M., and the house and all contents were destroyed. Their little daughter, Maurine, ran from the burning building to safety.

Melvin was the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Fleming and had lived here most of his life. Two aunts, Mrs. Clint Stewart and Mrs. A. J. Brewer, left immediately on hearing of the disastrous fire, but Mrs. King was unable to leave.

## First Visit Since Injury in Accident

J. B. Hayhurst, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Ruby Hayhurst, and Mrs. Auten, of Anson, spent the afternoon Tuesday with P. E. Wheeler and family and other relatives.

This was the first time he had been to town since he was paralyzed eight months ago following a motorcycle accident.

## Supper Postponed.

Supper, announced for Friday of this week at Blair school, has been postponed until Wednesday, Dec. 18, because of the rival now in progress.

## GET-TOGETHER MEN'S BIBLE CLASSES HERE

More Than Sixty Gather at Banquet Table; Dr. Surface, Able Divine From Abilene, Principal Speaker.

More than sixty gathered at the banquet table Tuesday evening in the basement of Grace Presbyterian church for the "get-together" of the Men's Bible classes from the various churches of the city, marking the culmination of plans put under way some two weeks ago in a meeting at the City hall.

As chairman, Joe P. Self asked Clark Mundy to deliver the invocation and then called on Supt. R. A. Burgess as chairman of the program committee to preside.

Entertainment features included a trio, Fred Hughes, Cyrus Pee and Mack Buzbee, who sang "Don't Forget to Pray," and a solo by Delma Compton, "Where We'll Never Grow Old." Tom Douglass was accompanist for both numbers.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, was never in happier vein and brought a message of fellowship that made a lasting impression on all his hearers.

Other out-of-town visitors included Fayette Bland, formerly of Merkel, and T. S. Lankford, both of Abilene.

The refreshment committee, consisting of Charlie Jones, Yates Brown, Tom Coats and Wm. M. Elliott, provided a barbecue plate supper, with coffee and cakes, overlooking nothing by way of Christmas decorations, red candles, etc.

## Study Club Plans Beautify Cemetery

With a view of cleaning up and beautifying Rose Hill cemetery, the Fortnightly Study club, of which Mrs. Henry West is president, has donated 100 crepe myrtles to be planted at corners of the driveways and these will be placed Monday of next week.

Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, who is chairman of the beautification committee of the Study club, announces that in keeping with the club's plan to sponsor the cleaning up of the cemetery premises a "clean-up" afternoon, such as has proven so effective several times in the past, will be designated after the Christmas holidays are over.

## Father of Grover Hale Dies at Ripe Age of 84

M. R. Hale, 84, pioneer of Lipan in Erath county and father of Grover Hale, died at 7 o'clock Saturday morning. He had been in ill health for a year, but had been seriously ill only since the previous Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hale, who had made frequent visits during his father's illness, went to Lipan to attend the funeral services, which were held at 3 o'clock Saturday.

Besides this son, Mr. Hale is survived by three other sons and four daughters. All told, he leaves 76 descendants.

## W. L. Diltz Family Remove to Balinger

The end of the week will note the removal of the W. L. Diltz family to Balinger, where they will make their home in the future and where "Dub" is credit manager for Whittaker Bros., John Deere dealer in Balinger and San Angelo. Their daughter, Betty Jane, will remain with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones until the schools dismiss for the holidays.

Merkel regrets very much to lose such estimable citizens as Mr. and Mrs. Diltz. "Dub" has been actively associated in banking circles for many years, having been vice-president of the Farmers State bank until the early months of this year, and his many friends will be glad to learn of his splendid connection in his new home.

## Trent Votes Bonds.

Trent, Dec. 12.—By a vote of 84 to 15, a bond issue for \$12,000 for construction of a school building carried in an election held here Friday. The bonds will be supplemented by a PWA grant.

## 178 PUPILS ON HONOR ROLL OF PUBLIC SCHOOL

Three Students, Janell Black, Clifton Bellamy and Juanita Huskey, Lead With Average Grade of 97 for Period.

One hundred seventy-eight students of the Merkel schools made the honor roll for the second six weeks, ending Nov. 29. Of these, sixty-six were High school and one hundred twelve were in Grammar school. Leading in High school were Clifton Bellamy and Juanita Huskey, Seniors, and Janell Black, Sophomore, with averages of 97 each. Mary Jo Russell and Billie Wood tied for honors in the 8th grade, each averaging 95. Roy Hagler ranked highest in the 9th grade with an average of 96.

Slightly over 24 per cent of all students met the requirements for the roll. Seniors and Juniors led in High school with each class having 28 per cent of its enrollment making the roll. The 8th grade had 24 per cent making the roll, while the 9th had 18 per cent of its membership meeting the requirements.

Checks was also made on the number of passing grades this six weeks. Of all grades given to High school students, 88 per cent were passing grades, while only one grade in eight was a failing or "red" grade, 92 per cent of all grades given Seniors and Juniors were passing grades. In these two grades, leaders in High school this (Continued on Page Two.)

## Review of History of English Printed Bible

Papers centering on the several translations of the Bible that culminated in the King James version and leading up to the first English printed edition of The Book, were read by Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Mrs. J. R. Walling and Mrs. John West at the Presbyterian "church night" on Wednesday evening in celebration of the 400th anniversary of the printing of the Bible in English.

With Mrs. Henry West presiding, the assembly joined in singing a hymn, Rev. R. A. Walker led in prayer and Mrs. W. M. Elliott gave the scripture reading. Misses Alice Russell and Ethel Tucker pleasingly rendered "Blessed Book" in duet, with Miss Russell also as accompanist. The closing prayer was by Mrs. Emory Jones.

Following the program, but preceding the supper prepared by the ladies, a beautiful living room lamp was presented by the pastor in the name of the church to Mrs. W. L. Diltz, pianist for the congregation and president of the woman's missionary society, as a token of appreciation of her loyalty and service at all times. Mrs. Diltz, it will be recalled, is moving with her family to Balinger this week to join her husband there.

## Remains of Former Resident Interred Here

J. M. Black, 87, a former resident of Merkel and father of the late Jim Black who died at Big Spring and was buried here about three years ago, died Saturday of last week at the home of a daughter, Mrs. W. A. Turner, at Red Rock, near Austin.

The body was brought here for burial, remaining at the home of Mrs. Alice Rose until time for the service at 3:30 Sunday afternoon at the Church of Christ. J. A. Rollins, Church of Christ minister, officiated, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

Fallbearers named were: Hayden Turner, Abilene, O. J. Adcock, R. L. Adcock, J. P. Sharp, J. A. Buford and T. G. Ferguson.

## Attend Funeral of Nephew at Sylvester

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wilson and family went to Sylvester Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Wilson's nephew, Vernon Griffin, 26, who died of typhoid fever in an Abilene hospital.

After the funeral service, which was held at Sylvester, the body was carried to Roby for interment. His wife survives.

## VARIETY OF DISPLAYS IN QUILT SHOW

Demonstration Club Reveals the Modern in Exhibits; Heirlooms Intrigue the Visitors; List of Ribbon Awards.

Visitors to the woman's division of Merkel's three-day Community show last week found a most interesting and varied display, which included quilts, bedspreads, rugs, cakes and candies, flowers and canned fruits and vegetables, reflecting great credit on the Merkel Home Demonstration club, sponsors, of which Mrs. C. P. Church is president.

Of more than passing interest were the sunshade used by Miss Julia Martin's grandmother when she was a little girl; a little red dress worn by Marvin Smith in his younger days; a China head doll, dressed as she was when Mrs. J. R. Barnett's mother played with her; a gentleman's fancy quilt, over a hundred years old, made by Elizabeth Hearn and owned by Mrs. J. B. Jones, and a covered wagon and spinning wheel in miniature made by E. E. Dalton that brought memories of the 49's.

Those participating in the cake and candy display were: Mesdames C. P. Church, Bob McDonald, Harry Barnett, Tyre Sublett, Watt Blair, F. A. Polley, Lake Renfro, George White; Misses Lottie Butman and Luna White.

Flower display: Mrs. S. A. Wells, Miss Lottie Butman, Mrs. C. P. Church.

Window display of canned fruit, vegetables and jellies: Miss Lottie Butman, Mesdames C. P. Church, Ashby, Jim Tucker, R. H. Mathews, Watt Blair and Burgess.

## AWARDS IN QUILT DISPLAY.

Winners of ribbons in the quilt display were:

Coverlets, home spun: Mrs. J. B. Jones, 1st; Mrs. Emory Jones, 2nd; Mrs. Sandusky, 3rd.

Crochet bedspreads: Mrs. Lee Cox, 1st; Mrs. C. H. Jones, 2nd; Mrs. Hayhurst, 3rd.

Tiny tots quilts: Mrs. Sam Swann, 1st; Miss Mabel Butman, 2nd.

Silk quilts: Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, 1st; Miss Julia Martin, 2nd; Mrs. C. H. Jones, 3rd.

Best made quilts: Mrs. Joe Owens, 1st; Mrs. Harry Barnett, 2nd; Mrs. Jim Tucker, 3rd.

Applique bedspreads: Mrs. Effie Rider, 1st; Mrs. A. D. Fulton, 2nd.

Yo-Yo bedspreads: Mrs. C. H. Jones, 1st; Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, 2nd.

Lace cloth: Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, 1st.

Tufted spread: Mrs. Dewey Sandusky, 1st.

Hooked rugs: Home Demonstration club, 1st; Mrs. George White, 2nd; Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, 3rd.

Crochet rugs: Mrs. E. L. Turner, Sr., 1st; Mrs. Jim Tucker, 2nd; Mrs. Joe Higgins, 3rd.

Braided rugs: Mrs. Joe Higgins, 1st and 2nd.

Wool blankets, made from wool grown near Merkel: Mrs. Joe Higgins, 1st.

Wool comfort, made from wool grown on the Edwards ranch: Mrs. George White, 1st.

Pillow cases: Mrs. R. M. Ferguson, 1st and 2nd; Mrs. S. A. Wells, 3rd.

Pillows: Mrs. Bob McDonald, 1st; Mrs. S. A. Wells, 2nd; Mrs. Booth Warren, 3rd.

Embroidered scarfs: Mrs. Lee Cox, 1st; Mrs. R. M. Ferguson, 2nd and 3rd.

Afaghan: Mrs. R. A. Walker, 1st.

Lunch cloth: Mrs. George White, 1st.

## WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED IN POULTRY SHOW

Raymond Ferguson and Arl Sharp Show Champion Birds; R. A. Ellis and Andrew Barbee Exhibit Champion Displays.

Champion male bird in the three day Community poultry show that closed here Saturday night was shown by Raymond Ferguson, with a White Leghorn cockerel; best female bird, a Buff Orpington hen, is owned by Arl Sharp. Showing Rhode Island Reds, R. A. Ellis was awarded first ribbon for champion display, while Andrew Barbee showed the champion parti-color pen, his exhibit being Dark Cornishes.

Arl Sharp also won champion solid color pen and third ribbon for display, second display being awarded to R. M. Ferguson.

Jack Walker of Abilene served as judge of the show, which boasted 209 entries.

Dark Cornishes furnished the largest class, 29, according to Superintendent Castle B. Ellis; White Leghorns, next, 27, and Barred Rocks, third largest, 20.

## Merkel HDC Sponsors Plot Beautification

That portion of the railroad right-of-way from the Ash street crossing west to the section house has been adopted by the Merkel Home Demonstration club for beautification, and initial steps in the work have already been taken with the plowing up of this strip, about 430 feet in length and 20 feet wide.

The club has 40 watermelon red crepe myrtles ready to be planted in the plot, and by spring it is planned to further improve and beautify the ground with castor beans, petunias, salt cedars, native plants and other shrubs and flowers.

The club has recently donated to the Merkel schools a dozen of the same watermelon crepe myrtles that they will use in their own section along the highway.

The beautification committee named by the Home Demonstration club includes Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, chairman, and Mesdames George White and C. P. Church.

## Ginnings for Week In Area 636 Bales

The past week 636 bales were turned out by the six gins at Merkel and those at Blair, Stith and Noodle, bringing the 1935 figure to 11,982 bales.

The previous week the same plants ginned over a thousand, indicating the crop is nearly all gathered.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, December 10, 1915.)

Mr. T. F. Compton and son, Delma, left Friday of last week for Fort Meade, Florida, where they will spend the winter. They stopped at Fort Worth for a short visit with friends and relatives and will be the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. J. W. Kelsey, at Fort Meade.

Messrs. J. S. Swann, L. L. Wills and Arch Anderson of this city and James Bright of Trent made a trip to Wichita Falls the first of the week to look over the oil properties in that section of the country. The trip was made in a Ford belonging to and driven by Luther Grimes of this city.

Miss Gladys Haynes has returned home from Granger where she has been the past three months visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Cordell of Big Spring were here Sunday visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Daniel. They were accompanied home by Miss Gladys Daniel, who has been visiting here for a few days.

Mrs. T. L. Hall and son, Malcom, of Muskogee, Okla., are here to spend the holidays with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin.

## COMMUNITY STOCK SHOW AWARDS MADE

Draft Horses of Lee Cox's Take Off First and Second Ribbons; Patterson's Stallion Top of Class.

Lee Cox won first and second ribbons for best teams of draft horses in the two-day stock show here last week, and with one of the mares also won second ribbon in the brood mare class.

Homer Patterson's registered Percheron stallion was awarded first ribbon in the stallion class. Other ribbons taken by Patterson's entries were first and third brood mares and first and second registered fillies.

Pierce Horton's registered jack carried off first ribbon, while Joe Holmes took first and second individual ribbons on his mules.

Lee Baker of Abilene came in for a big share of the ribbons, with a second for his stallion, not registered; first for his registered colt; second for registered jack, and first and second for registered jennets.

Other ribbons awarded were: Albert Perry, first in saddle horse class; saddle colts, Howard Garner, first; C. R. Peterson, second; Howard Laney, third; colts foaled since Jan. 1, 1935, W. C. Wilburn, first; W. L. Dowdy, second; mule colts, Virgil Patterson, first; Oscar Perry, second.

Judge of the show was Jinks McGee of Abilene, and, after the award of the ribbons, owners of all entries led their charges in a street parade.

There were 31 animals entered in the show, according to W. E. Lowe, superintendent.

## Mrs. West Succumbs After Long Illness

Mrs. Lilly Cordill West, 44, wife of P. F. West, died shortly after noon Saturday, Dec. 7, at the home of her grandfather, F. M. Cordill. She had been seriously ill for five months, and about a month before her death was brought to the Cordill home in town for closer medical care.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Church of Christ, conducted by Homer Haley, Abilene, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Charlie West, Houston Clark, Cleve Bush, Walter Vantreese, Lem Dudley and Dolph Coats.

Mrs. Cordill, who was born and reared in Taylor county, had been a member of the Church of Christ since she was 14 years old. On April 28, 1909, she was married to P. F. West. Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, Lloyd, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cordill. A half-brother, E. H. Cordill, died in 1919.

Ed Teaff returned Tuesday afternoon from a three weeks business trip in Arizona, New Mexico and Old Mexico, having disposed of a shipment of horses belonging to himself and other parties.

Mr. W. F. Hamblet announces the engagement of his daughter, Virginia, to Mr. Robert Eugene Tarver of Water Valley, Miss. The marriage will take place at the Methodist church December 28th at 8 p. m.

Robert Baugh of Midland visited friends here Sunday.

## COLLISION ON THE STREETS TUESDAY.

When he temporarily lost control of the motorcycle he was riding, Fate Parks, a popular young barber of the Percy Jones Barber shop, escaped uninjured, the his machine crashed into the rear wheels of the large Wichita truck belonging to Sam Foster. The truck was not injured but the front wheel was entirely broken away from the machine. The rider of the motorcycle said the cause of the collision was his fault entirely as he accidentally turned the gas lever the wrong way and gave the machine increased speed instead of stopping it as he intended.

Honor Roll

(Continued from Page One) time, only one grade in twelve was a failing or "red" grade.

The complete list of students on the honor roll follows:

First Grade, Mrs. Nash. Nellie Faye Sandusky, 95; Jackie Boaz Smith, 95; Drusilla Wheeler, 94; La Fern Stanford, 94; Joanna Ramsey, 94; Hubert Peterson, 93; Glenn Toombs, 93; Betty Jo Perry, 93; Ina Ruth Shouse, 93; Leon Toombs, Jr., 93; G. H. Suber, 91; Lavrel Stout, 90.

First Grade, Miss Smith. Betty Jean Gilbert, 95; Barbara Ann Brown, 95; George Anne Groene, 95; Mary Ruth Hutcheson, 94; Bonnie Church, 94; Wanda Barbee, 93; Ruby-nell Henslee, 93; Leta Faye Hawkins, 92.

Second Grade, Miss Pogue. Foy Westenhover, 95; Dorothy Nell Lee, 95; Virgil Sears, 95; Rachel Miller, 94; Bobbie Nell Reagan, 94; Abbie Turner, 93; Teddy Joe McCreche, 92; Gerald McCoy, 92; A. G. Stout, 91; Billy Joe Jaynes, 91; Bobby Glenn Moore, 91.

Second Grade, Miss Curb. Lora Pearl Haynes, 95; Fred Lee Hughes, 95; Eulalia Floyd, 92; Doris Jean Dudley, 91; Estell Brown, 91; J. W. Camp, 91.

Third Grade, Mrs. Bird. Gillah Frances Walker, 96; Frances Turner, 95; JoySue Self, 94; Ikey Melner, 93; Billie Joe Toombs, 92; Mary Evelyn Perry, 91; George Wayne Richie, 91; John Andrew Stapleton, 90.

Third Grade, Miss Heizer. Bonnie Jaynes, 97; Ralph Hardy, 96; Billy Tom Diltz, 95; Ralph Dye, 94; Jasper Howard, 93; Donald Cox, 92; Otis Hagler, 91.

Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes. Wanda McCoy, 97; Willie Sue Morgan, 97; George Mack Owens, 96; Mary Jo Hutchins, 95; Matilene London, 95; Johnie McDonald, 95; Doris Mae Lepard, 94; Ruby Toles, 94; Peggy Joyce Toombs, 94; Irlene Walker, 93; L. L. Wills, 93; Billy Freeman, 91.

Fourth Grade, Miss Joyner. Mary Alice Hester, 96; Dorothy Nell Haynes, 95; R. V. Clark, 94; Jack Haynes, 94; Marjorie Joe Fulton, 94; Dorothy Nell Groene, 94; W. E. Burns, 91.

Fifth Grade, Miss McQuary. Nina Orsborn, 94; Billie Wood, 92; Jim Sublett, 91; Charlie Young, 91; Bonnie McAninch, 90; Evelyn Sears, 90.

Fifth Grade, Miss Hogan. Marilyn Sue Grimes, 95; Billy Tom Hutcheson, 95; Floyd Hutcheson, 94; Joe Gates, 92; Billie Clyde Haynes, 92; Jack Hester, 92; Dorothy Barbee, 92; Hazel Burns, 92; Lavern Douglas, 91; Glenn Barnes, 90.

Sixth Grade, Mrs. Collins. Roy Owen, 94; Doris Clyde Miller, 92; Gertie Lou Pee, 91; Geraldine Teague, 91; Billy Jack Lancaster, 90; Douglas McCoy, 90; Theda Parry, 90.

Sixth Grade, Miss Ledger. Becky Gardner, 95; Dora Marie Gaither, 94; Tommy Evelyn Grimes, 93; Betty Lu Higgins, 90; Mary Lu Higgins, 90; Charles Church, 90; Alyne Cox, 90.

Seventh Grade, Mr. Pearee. Helen Heeter, 94; Anne Lee Blake, 93; Loudell Gray, 92; Billy Largent, 91; Betty Jane Diltz, 91.

Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett. Doris Gay West, 94; Mildred McLean, 94; Don Wood, 93; Homer Tye, 90; Betty Jo Reid, 92; Willodean Thornton, 91.

HIGH SCHOOL. Eighth Grade. Mary Jo Russell, 95; Billie Wood, 95; Mary Jo Garland, 94; Mary Love

Tipton, 94; Edith Butman, 93; Archie Farr, 92; Ben Ferguson, 92; Bernice Lewis, 92; Kenneth Neill, 92; Willard Paine, 92; Bonnie Lois Campbell, 91; La Verne Harwell, 91; Maurine Huddleston, 91; Comora Hughes, 91; Mabel Murray, 91; Mildred Bird, 90; Wilma McAninch, 90; Pearl Matthews, 90; Mary Nell Morgan, 90; Verne Moore, 90; Frances Owen, 90.

Sophomore Class. Janell Black, 97; Mildred Humphrey, 96; Lila Beth Anthony, 96; Fredia Farmer, 96; Billy George Gant, 95; Pauline Joyner, 95; Dorothy Sue Bird, 94; Dick West, 94; Marvin Hunter, 92; T. L. Reid, 92; Louise Richie, 92; Frank Dye, 91; Wade Ensminger, 91; Pauline Blackaby, 91; Morris Clack, 90; Lorene Whisenhant, 90.

Junior Class. Roy Hagler, 96; Robert Grimes, Jr., 95; Betty Grimes, 95; Sylvan Melling-er, 95; Nadine Clack, 94; Jane Ferguson, 94; Murphy Dye, 93; Doyle Gray, 93; Dutton Williamson, 93; Janet Berry, 93; Weldon Davis, 92; Vernelle Sublett, 92; Marvin Perkins, 92; Jack Sublett, 91; M. C. Church, 90; Genevieve Cox, 90; Lucile Crick, 90; Sis Gamble, 90; Margie Melton, 90; Willie Mae Nelson, 90.

Senior Class. Juanita Huskey, 97; Clifton Bellamy, 97; Mabel Maddox, 95; John Leonard, 95; Ora Derrick, 94; Hugh Leonard, 93; Lauretta Randall, 93; Zerk Robertson, 92; Opal Buzbee, 91; Ruby Carey, 91; Odell Latimer, 91; Eva Faye Bush, 90; Victor Joyner, 90; Frank Mundy, 90.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING. Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank in Merkel, Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank the second Tuesday in January, 1936, being the 14th day of the month, for the election of directors. Polls open between 2 p. m. and 5 p. m.

Joe P. Self, Cashier.

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

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling and Mesdames J. B. Winn and C. T. Beckham attended the Workers conference at Blackwell.

Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Burks, who have been in Vivian, La., for the past several weeks, have returned.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts and children were guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frost of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Wheatley and daughter, Louise, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cade of Tye Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamner and daughter, Miss Gladys, were guests last week from Thursday to Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hamner at Wink.

The Trent school bus, with all children that cared to go, spent last Friday afternoon in Abilene seeing Santa Claus, and took part in the parade.

Mesdames L. E. Adrian, J. Cal Hamner and O. L. Reaves spent Saturday in Abilene; the former two were guests of Mrs. H. B. Griffin, while Mrs. Reaves attended a teachers' meeting.

Miss Maimie Cooper of Dexter, Mo., is house guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Bright. They plan to go to Corpus Christi soon to spend the rest of the winter.

Mesdames A. C. Keltz and Tom Hardison of Vernon were guests Sunday of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford.

Miss Willie Driggers and Mr. J. M. Dennis of Brady were guests in the A. Williamson home on last Sunday.

Allen Terry, having recently purchased the Murdock barber shop, has moved his shop from Front street to the present location on Main street and has a first class shop where he invites the public to visit him.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Bryan had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clement, Miss Opal Nalley and Miss George Helen Lee, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith of Merkel were guests Saturday night and Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Smith also had as guests Sunday Marvin Smith of Merkel and Bartley Smith and son, Floyd of Stanton.

Mrs. D. J. Rawlings and son, Jun-

ior, from Pecos, are visiting friends here and attending to business.

Mrs. Bob Martin and little son of Abilene spent several days here recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method to try to express our sincere thanks to the many friends and loved ones who so faithfully assisted us in the sickness and death of our beloved wife, mother and daughter, but words fail us when we attempt to express our appreciation of the same.

May God bless every one of you in our humble prayer.

P. F. West. Lloyd West. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cordill.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.

We will buy Remnants at same price per pound as full bales would bring. No docks.

South Side Gin Merkel, 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.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Watch Your Kidneys!

Be Sure They Properly Cleanse the Blood

YOUR kidneys are constantly filtering waste matter from the blood stream. But kidneys sometimes lag in their work—do not act as nature intended—fail to remove impurities that poison the system when retained.

Then you may suffer nagging back-ache, dizziness, scanty or too frequent urination, getting up at night, puffiness under the eyes; feel nervous, miserable—all upset.

Don't delay? Use Doan's Pills. Doan's are especially for poorly functioning kidneys. They are recommended by grateful users the country over. Get them from any druggist.

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HERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SAY Merry Christmas

Ladies' Bags

In Latest Leathers, Fabrics and Shades



Robes and Pajamas

As Smart, as Colorful and as Stylish as New Fabrics and Clever Designing Can Make them.



And Many Other Useful Gift Suggestions for Ladies

Ready-to-Wear, Tam and Scarf Sets, Handkerchiefs, Luggage, Quilts, Blankets, Bed Spreads, Towels, Table Cloths, Shoes, etc.

For Men

Top Coats, Suits, Hats, Shirts, Ties, Hose, Robes, Pajamas, Underwear, Shoes, etc., and lots of useful articles for Children and Babies.

Christmas Hosiery

In all newest shades from sheerest Chiffon to Service Weights.

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A Most Acceptable Christmas Gift!

If you contemplate giving money as a Christmas Gift this year—Our Tellers will be happy to supply you with new, clean, crisp currency which has not heretofore been in circulation.

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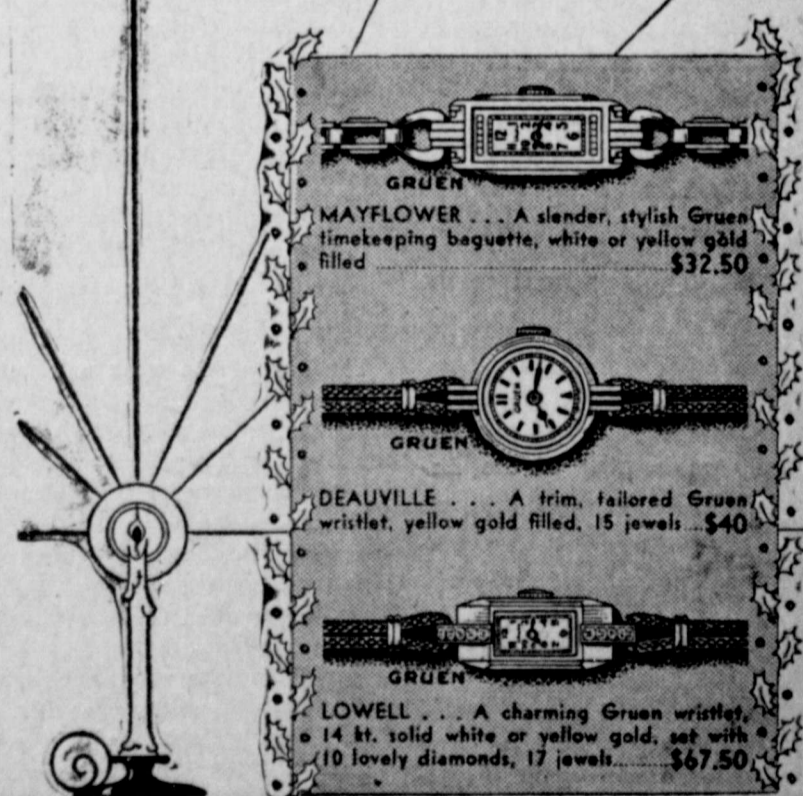
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# THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and Sponsored by the Senior Class of '36—Miss Alycen Ater, sponsor.

### The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Mabel Maddox. Society Editor—Janet Hayes.  
Assistant Editor—Juanita Huskey. Sports Editor—Oscar Adcock.  
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### THE ANNUAL OF '36.

Everyone is talking about annuals, and who wouldn't be when a picture of every student and teacher in High school will be in them? Some persons think the Annual is strictly a Senior book, but this is not true. Each class met and selected a representative for the staff. The Senior class elected John Leonard as editor-in-chief for the Annual and the following helpers: Juanita Huskey and Mabel Maddox, associate editors; Zerk Robertson, business manager; Janet Hayes, assistant business manager. Mr. Allan, from the Steck Printing Co., gave an idea what our Annuals will be like, and are they going to be pretty? Leather cover of maroon color, carrying out the Centennial idea, has been chosen by the staff. There will be no limit to the amount of pictures placed in the book. It will contain forty-eight pages full of pictures of persons and scenes everyone will want to see. The class has decided to dedicate the book to our Senior sponsor, Miss Patterson, who has worked so faithfully for us. Now, after having found out what this book will contain, who does not want to buy one? Let's all help the Senior class and the whole school present the best Annual ever published!

### JUNIOR NEWS.

On Tuesday morning, Dec. 3, 1935, 10:45 the Junior class of Merkel High school met in room 12 to elect officers and have their first class meeting. Mary Frances Cook acted as chairman until the president was elected. Mary Frances called the house order and opened the nominations for president. John Malone, Sylvan Melling and Murphy Dye were nominated for president. John Malone was elected president by a wide margin. He then took the chair and opened the nominations for secretary. Lloyd Vick, Roy Hagler, Stanley Toombs, Murphy Dye, Junior Grimes and Phyllis Smith were nominated for secretary. Lloyd Vick was elected secretary. President John Malone then opened nominations for reporter. Roy Hagler, Betty Grimes and Sylvan Melling were nominated. Roy Hagler was elected. Then the president opened nominations for vice-president. Betty Grimes, Norman King, Betty Grimes, Murphy Dye, Sylvan Melling and Etyl Church were nominated. Betty Grimes was elected.

Here the class had an argument about putting the secretary and treasurer under one head. It was finally decided to separate them. The president then opened nominations for treasurer. Betty Grimes and Sylvan Melling were nominated. Betty Grimes was elected. Speeches were then called for. President John Malone made a speech.

At 10:45 Friday we met again. This time we discussed ways to raise money. Several suggestions were made. It was finally decided to turn things over to a finance committee. Members of this committee are: Betty Grimes, chairman, Mary Frances Cook, Sylvan Melling, Roy Hagler and Etyl Church. The committee will report later. While the president was appointing committees he appointed a program committee and a decoration committee. Members of the program committee are: Murphy Dye, chairman, Leta Faye Barbee, Doyle Gray, Leta Gamble and La Vern Hughes. Members of the decoration committee are: John Ferguson, chairman, Phyllis Smith, Stanley Toombs, Norman King and Nell Pruitt.

### SOPHOMORE NEWS.

The Sophomore class of 1935-36 got under way Monday, Dec. 9, and met in room 7 to elect a staff member to the Badger Annual. Frances Higgins was elected because of her great ability of carrying on such work.

After the election there was extra time called by Mr. Meyers, our sponsor, to elect the class officers. R. D. Hunter was elected president. Dick West was elected vice-president and Herman Carson was elected secretary-treasurer.

With these officers and classmates the 9th grade is looking forward to be the most successful class of Merkel High school.

### FRESHMEN HOLD ELECTION.

Miss Martin, Freshman sponsor, reading an announcement, called to order. At first nominations slowly. Then, they came. Dora Lee Shelton was elected president, Ada Lois Bryan,

second, Mary Jo Garland, third, and Don Warren, fourth. Those then in the race were asked to leave the room. The votes were cast by the individual raising his hand. Miss Marchese Spanish dictionaries, books and the votes. After votes had been cast for all four candidates, Don Warren was six votes ahead of Dorma Lee. It was decided between the teachers to have a runoff between these two. This was protested by the boosters of Don. Nevertheless a second vote was cast. Don carried the room by a large majority. The candidates were called into the room, and Miss Martin made the decision known. She expressed the honor which was bestowed upon the pupil elected to the position from a group of ninety Freshmen. Don said he wasn't sure of being suitable for the place, but he would do the best possible to carry through worthily.

### GOOD MANNERS MEETING.

Friday, Dec. 6, at the Activity period the Senior Etiquette club met for the regular weekly program. A group of Seniors demonstrated to the club how one should act at a formal dinner. Alvin Wozencraft was master of ceremonies. Eva Fay Bush spoke on "Napkins and Their Use" and "What to Wear to the Table." Odell Latimer gave some "Don'ts at the Table." A short talk was made by Mabel Maddox on "Second Helpings and the Arrangement of Silverware and Dishes at the Table." Opal Buzbee spoke about "Embarrassing Situations in the Use of Silver at the Table." Others who held places at the table but did not speak were John Leonard, Oscar Adcock and Hattie Mae Dwiggin.

### SPANISH CLUB.

Mr. Hutto announces that a live-wire school like "Merkel Hi" should have a Spanish club that would be second to none.

There will be a club organized next Friday, Dec. 13, during Activity period in room 6.

The purpose of such an organization is to create interest in the language, to learn more about Spanish-speaking people, their ideals, customs, religion and so on, and to furnish some educational enjoyment to more students.

There will be a standard set to the effect that only students averaging "B" will be permitted to join the club. The organization will be named later.

There will be a fee of 25c per semester and the proceeds will help support, Odell Latimer, R. T. Blair, other needed things.

Officers will be elected next Friday.

### BASKETBALL.

Approximately 20 prospective players felt the call of the wild and reported for basketball last week. Practice began in earnest Monday, Dec. 9.

There are only two lettermen back from last season, Bryan Higgins and Zerk Robertson.

Merkel's basketball teams in the past have not been outstanding due to the fact of not having a gym in which to practice.

The High school has a real gym now and the basketball players are looking forward to a good team.

Coach Hutto said that there is some good material in Frank Mundy, Marvin Berry, Clive Satterwhite, Miller Patton, Odell Latimer, R. T. Blair, Robert Higgins, Duane Pangle, Woodrow Barnes, Stanley Tombs, Vincent Barnett, Paul Riney and others.

The team expects to participate in 2 or 3 tournaments and, all in all, have a well-dressed and snappy ball club.

### WHO'S WHO AROUND THE CAMPUS.

Robert Higgins is the captain of the Merkel Badgers for 1935. He has lettered in football for three years. While playing the game with Haskell this year Robert received a broken finger.

During his High school years he has also entered the Interscholastic league in track. Besides entering those sports Robert isn't such a bad baseball and tennis player. He is a Junior this year, but by taking five subjects expects to graduate.

Keep up those friendly ways and always remember "that everything happens for the best" and you are sure to make a success of life, Robert.

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### Our Seniors

Holt Vaughn.

Holt is another of our Seniors who has attended Merkel High school four years and who hopes to wear a cap and gown in May. After graduation, he would like to study aviation, and ultimately own a plane of his own, for flying interests him very much. Whether he will succeed, of course, depends upon himself. At least, he has "high" ideals.

F. T. Hogan.

"June" hails from Mt. Pleasant. He has been in Merkel High school two years and in the M. H. S. Players' club two years. As yet, he is undecided as to what profession he would like to follow—perhaps he will be a "ladies' man"? But seriously, keep up your optimism, F. T., for happiness depends upon it.

### Bleeding Gums Healed

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### BLAIR ITEMS

The Baptist revival has been under way since Sunday, Dec. 8, under the convincing and convicting leadership of Rev. C. R. Joyner. Every one is invited to attend these soul-stirring services and help with your influence wif souls to God.

Mrs. Otis Moore, who has been on the sick list, is convalescing nicely. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell and daughter, Miss Dorris, accompanied by Miss Joy Doan, visited relatives at Bronte over the week-end.

Miss Dora Mae Meeks and brother, J. L., visited their uncle and aunt of Caps last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison had as their house guest their nephew of the Plains the past week.

Miss Sophia Howard and friend of Abilene spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell.

### 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.

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### OFF TO AGENTS' CONVENTION

Houston, Dec. 12.—F. E. Church of Merkel is in Houston this week attending the thirty-second annual convention of the Southwestern Life Insurance company.

The attendance at this year's convention is the largest in the history of the company, and as the representatives earn the right to attend by writing a certain amount of insurance, this record-breaking crowd indicates better business conditions.

Roger Killough, Eagle Lake, the Southwestern Life Club president for this year, presided at the opening business meeting this morning; W. N. Blanton, vice-president and general manager of the Houston chamber of commerce, welcomed the group, and C. F. O'Donnell, president of the Southwestern Life Insurance company, made his annual address during which he outlined the progress of the company during 1935 and the exceptional strength of the institution.

At noon the crowd of over 500 visitors enjoyed a trip to the San Jacinto battle field where Judge Clarence Wharton of Houston made a talk on the "Battle of San Jacinto."

After a get-together dinner tonight, the Southern Methodist University Mustang band will stage its "Pigskin Review". This will be followed by dancing and bridge.

Other business meetings will be held Friday and Saturday mornings and on Friday night the annual banquet will be addressed by Lieutenant-Governor Walter Woodul and Dr. Harry Knowles of Houston. Music will be furnished by Walter R. Jenkins, baritone, and Miss Ruth Rankin Rice, soprano. Awards for business accomplishments during 1935 will be made after the dinner.

#### Called Session of Singers.

The Taylor County Singers will meet in called session Sunday at Tye with the West Side Baptist church, beginning at 2 p. m. All singers and lovers of music are invited to attend.

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

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

### Visit Special Exhibit Various Food Products

Several from Merkel attended a demonstration of Stokeley's and Van Camp's products at the Hilton Hotel, Abilene, Tuesday night, included among those present being Mrs. W. W. Campbell and niece, Miss Mildred Humphrey, and Messrs. Eli and Milton Case.

### Woodrum's Now Handle Continental Products

A new Conoco filling station in Merkel is announced this week with the change of the Woodrum Filling station to handling all products of the Continental Oil company.

The same satisfactory and courteous service is assured by George Woodrum and his associates.

### Estimate Shows Cut Over 400,000 Bales

Washington, Dec. 12.—The agriculture department Monday estimated the 1935 cotton crop at 10,734,000 bales, a reduction of 407,000 bales or about 3.7 per cent from the forecast a month ago.

The estimated 1935 crop is about 1,098,000 bales greater than production in 1934.

Most of the decline in production estimates during the past 30 days occurred in Texas and Oklahoma where weather conditions were reported unfavorable for the maturing and picking of the late crop.

The harvested acreage, now estimated at 27,331,000 acres is about 1.3 per cent greater than the total harvested in 1934.

#### Funeral of Old Friend.

To attend the funeral of R. B. Casper, an old-time friend, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds went to Comanche Sunday. They were accompanied by their son, Homer.

#### Rainfall Half Inch.

Rainfall Thursday and Friday of last week totaled a half inch, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale, bringing the 1935 figure to 31 5-8 inches.

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### Greyhound Announces Holiday Excursions

Christmas excursion fares have been announced by A. F. Baldus, general traffic manager for Southwestern Greyhound lines. The round trip excursions will be one and one-half times the one way fare. Mr. Baldus stated that the excursion fares will be in effect during the entire holiday season up until Jan. 1.

An attractive feature of the holiday excursions is that they will carry liberal return limit, thereby allowing long distance travelers sufficient time.

#### Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whisenhunt, Mt. Pleasant, Thursday, Dec. 5, 1935.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lindsey, Friday, Dec. 6, 1935.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Walsh, Stith, Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1935.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Beard, Stith, Thursday, Dec. 12, 1935.

### At the New R & R Texas Theatre

Sweetwater "West Texas' Finest"

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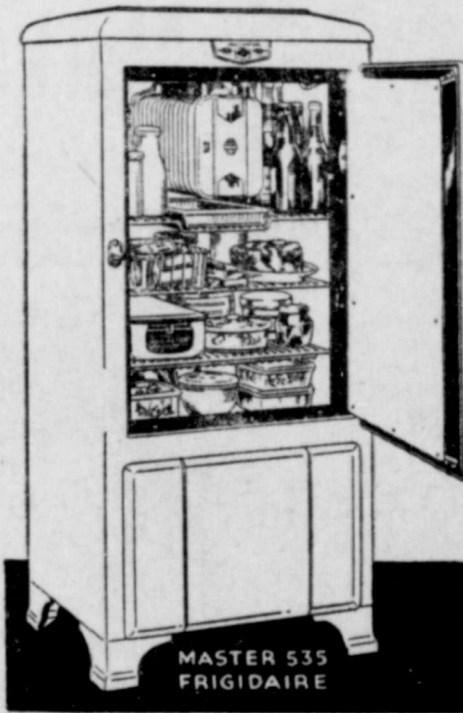
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Parany is a product of the McAlister Fuel company, who announced appointment of a local distributor this week.

**Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.**

**PERSONALS**

Miss Nola Provine has been visiting the past week in Abilene in the home of Mrs. E. L. Clark and Mrs. W. B. Loyd.

TNC Sgt. and Mrs. Frank H. Mathews, who will sail Dec. 28 from New York to Panama for a two years stay, visited the past week in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Mathews. TNC Sgt. Mathews has been an instructor in A. & M. college, College station, for eight years.

Miss Wanda Hunter, who is employed at the West Texas School for Nurses at Lubbock, was home to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter.

Mrs. J. W. Reynolds and son, Lee Mack, who, accompanied by Travis Callahan and L. B. English, spent a few days in Comanche recently, were accompanied on their return by another son, Homer, who had been there for sometime.

Week-end guests of Misses Ona and Pauline Johnson were Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith and son, Floyd Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Forrest and daughter, Mariann, of Stanton and Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Johnson of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Harrison visited with Miss Dota Garoutte Sunday afternoon. They were one time pupils of hers.

Mrs. Raymond Neal and little daughter, Margaret Rebecca, of Hugo, Okla., arrived Tuesday for a visit with her aunts, Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Neal, with whom she had previously visited in Temple, accompanied her, returning Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Linebery of Midland were guests for lunch Wednesday with Miss Mary Anna Mayfield, a cousin of Mrs. Linebery. They were en route home from Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete White and family, accompanied by Ocie Burns, arrived Monday from Sacramento, Calif., and will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White.

Grisham Dowell and Overton C. Patterson, who have been in CCC camp at Duncan, Ariz., the past four months, returned home last week.

Jim Patterson, who has been in business at Rosebud, returned home

last week, accompanying his brother, Clesby Patterson and wife, who had visited her sister in Dallas.

Ross Wheeler and Mrs. W. L. Johnson returned Wednesday from San Antonio, where the former had gone to see his wife in a sanitarium there, the latter visiting her granddaughter, Mary Faye Johnson, who recently underwent a mastoid operation.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. NYPS 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m. Every one is invited to attend all of these services.

We had 34 in Sunday School last Sunday; good services Sunday and Sunday night, with one profession of faith.

Our winter revival is to begin Jan. 1. We will have a watch night service Dec. 31, beginning at 7:30.

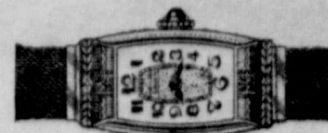
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Red and White Tomato Juice, 3 cans ..... 23c

Red and White Corn, No. 2 can, 2 for ..... 25c

Pure Cane Sugar, 10 pounds ..... 55c

**COFFEE**

Red and White, pound ..... 29c

Mart, pound ..... 25c

Early Riser, pound ..... 15c

Red and White Pears, No. 21-2 can ..... 21c

Red and White Fruit Cocktail, No. 1 can ..... 17c

Red and White Marshmallows, pound ..... 18c

Red and White Oats, Quick or Regular, large package ..... 23c

Dried Prunes, large, 2 lbs. .... 25c

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Queen of Plains, 12 lbs. .... 59c

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**SYNOPSIS:** Ben Furlong, a young but practical oil man and driller from the Pennsylvania field, drifted into the Texas oil country, broke and looking for work. Finally he fetched up at the Durham home where live an elderly aunt, shortly widowed by the explosion of a powder wagon, and her niece, pretty Betty Durham . . . Perhaps because of his smile, Betty cooks some food for Ben and while he eats he learns the aunt, in town on business, has an oil man, Tiller Maddox, sinking an oil well for her . . . A short 6 inch bolt worked loose from the rigging and is in the bottom of the well. Work has been suspended for days as the crew "fish" for the bolt and operating funds dwindle away . . . Furlong offers to give a hand but Maddox objects . . . Betty insists and overrules Maddox so Furlong fashions a tool which he has just lowered into the well, hoping to fish out the bolt.

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SECOND INSTALLMENT.

Furlong himself handled the rig during this operation, and even Maddox could find no fault with the way he did it. When, after what seemed an interminable time, the wire cable began to stream up out of the depths and wind itself in smooth, black layers upon the drum, the two women pressed in upon the derrick floor.

Out of the well-mouth finally slid the fishing tool; it stopped, hung motionless with the lower end at the level of their eyes. The teeth had bent inward, jammed together by the blows from above; inside the basket thus formed and tightly bitten between two of those prongs was a battered six-inch piece of steel.

When Furlong had finished washing up he found Betty Durham waiting for him.

"Come over to the house," she said. "You must be tired."

"I told you I was lucky," the young

man declared, with a grin.

"Lucky, nothing. You've got sense." "Simple, wasn't it? I wonder Maddox never thought of it."

Betty stirred; impatiently she exclaimed: "Oh, he's too busy thinking about something—! Say! We've got an extra room, but Aunt Mary says it wouldn't look right for you to sleep there. Don't that make you sick?"

"How about the barn?"

"That's what she proposed. Come on. Well fix it somehow."

It was dark; the trail through the cactus and the mesquite was dim, but Betty knew it by heart, and where its meanderings were indistinguishable she took Furlong's hand and guided him.

"I suppose you think Aunt Mary's crazy, risking all her money like this," she said.

"I sure do," the man admitted.

"This thing will show you the chances she's taking. Suppose that bolt had been something else, something we couldn't get hold of? There's a thousand things can happen to a well."

"I know. But she's—greedy. She always was. Tiller talked her into it after Uncle Joe died, and she wouldn't listen to me."

"It's a lot safer to let the big companies do the drilling, and be satisfied with a royalty."

"Some people can't be satisfied," the girl said, quietly. Then after a moment, "Uncle Joe never intended to leave the whole farm to her. They didn't hitch very well. He said he was going to leave part of it to me, but— I guess he never got around to it. I'll bet Aunt Mary's sorry by this time that she listened to Tiller; there's so many things a driller can do to a well."

"Pshaw! Is he that kind of man?"

"What kind of a man? Men are all alike, aren't they—when they've got reason to be?"

"She better fire him."

"I guess she can't, or dassent . . .

Funny my talking this way to you and not knowing you only a few hours. I'd better mind my own business. Here we are. You wait while I get a light."

They had arrived at the house, and the girl left her companion outside. She reappeared in a few minutes with a lantern and a couple of patchwork comforters. These latter she surrendered to Ben, then led the way to the barn.

Like most farms in the oil country, this one had been allowed to run down, and with the exception of some chickens and a few dispirited cattle there was no live stock left upon it. There still remained, however, some old fodder; it was dusty and musty, but suitable enough for a bed, and Furlong announced that he was delighted with these sleeping arrangements. He set the lantern down and walked to the door with Betty. There he said:

"You've been mighty nice to me. I wish that fishing job had been harder."

"Why?"

"It would have taken longer."

The girl's face was dimly illuminated as she smiled up at Furlong. She was the prettiest girl he had ever known and he felt a great liking, a great sympathy for her. The clasp of her warm hand as she had guided him along the dark trail had affected him in an unaccountable manner, and now it affected him again in the same way when she laid it in his. A sudden recklessness overwhelmed him and before he knew what he was doing he had bent forward and kissed her.

The girl was startled, but she did not recoil. Curiously she inquired: "Why did you do that?"

"I don't know. I—I couldn't help it, I guess. I didn't intend to, but—" Ben floundered; he felt his face burning hotly.

"Tiller tried that and I slapped him. I've known him a long time, too,—!" Miss Durham shook her head, apparently more perplexed at her own lack

of resentment than surprised at Furlong's boldness. "I must like you pretty well."

"I wish you would—did, I—think you're wonderful."

"Queer!" Betty turned to go. A moment later she called back through the gloom, "I'll call you when breakfast is ready."

Furlong was not altogether surprised when, on the following morning, Tiller Maddox offered him a job. Maddox, it was plain, was acting upon orders, and he took no pains to conceal his dislike for the new hand; nevertheless, Ben accepted the proffer. Aside from the fact that he needed work, his interest in Betty Durham was now sufficient to make almost any sacrifice worth while.

In the days thereafter he tried to fathom the peculiar relationship existing between Maddox and the two women, but he did not succeed very well. The driller, it was evident, had his heart set upon Betty, and in his attempt to win her Mrs. Durham was his ally; nevertheless, for some unknown reason the aunt disliked and distrusted the man. About all that Ben could make sure of was the fact that in some manner not readily apparent the oil well was being used by Maddox as a weapon; that somehow it had become the stake in a three-cornered game.

Furlong and Betty meanwhile managed to see a good deal of each other, but they met clandestinely. Neither of them openly referred to this fact, and although the girl pretended that it was her aunt whom she feared, Ben very well knew that it was Maddox. No longer, by the way, did he apologize when he kissed her, and their stolen moments together had become very sweet.

Work on the well progressed as rapidly as could be expected. Inch by inch, foot by foot, the heavy steel bits cut through the rock; length after length was added to the casing, and as it neared the level of the oil-bearing structure "indications" became evident; occasional sighs and gurgles issued from the well mouth as gas gathered and released itself. Its odor was at times quite strong.

It was at this time that Maddox and Furlong clashed.

Some new tackle was being slung and Ben had been sent up aloft awhile the foreman issued directions from

below. It was heavy work. Ben was forced to cling to the derrick timbers or to balance himself upon a narrow plank, and his progress at times did not suit the elder man. Maddox was in a surly mood, anyhow, and he became profane. Furlong was hot and irritable. He answered back, whereupon the man below flared out angrily:

"You do like I tell you an' don't argue, or I'll come up there an' give you a dam' good beating!"

The rigging was finally secured in place and Maddox was occupying himself with something else when he felt a hand upon his shoulder. He turned to find Furlong at his side. The latter's eyes were blazing. In a voice ominously harsh and vibrant with fury he said:

"I came down to get that beating. I want it now."

The other members of the crew froze in various attitudes of startled suspense. The two men stared at each other.

Furlong was a burly, thick-necked youth; he was as hard as iron and in his gaze at this moment was an evil quality quite unexpected. His enmity for the driller had finally foamed over. In proximity to this flaming passion Maddox's smoldering dislike gave

off no heat; nor at short notice could he fan its embers into a blaze. After a brief survey, pregnant with possibilities, he turned his head and winked at the other men. In a feeble effort at jocularity he said:

"I told you I'd come up there and give it to you. I never ast you to come down here an' get it." He guffawed loudly, at his own humor had walked away. Furlong stood shaking in his tracks.

That evening Maddox went over to the farmhouse. Evenings in this thirty land, like evenings upon the desert, were cool, refreshing, beautiful. The brazen sky cooled, a blessed breeze played through the scrubby bush and brought faint fragrances un-

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 noticed at other hours; the harsh lines of unlovely objects were softened; birds twittered; nature filled her lungs and took on new vigor.  
 Mrs. Durham was rocking upon the little front porch, and of her the man inquired:  
 "Where's Betty?"  
 "Her and Ben have gone to town."  
 Maddox scowled. "I allowed they had."  
 "He's gone in to buy himself some clothes and she took the car."  
 "He won't need no more clothes than he's got, on this job," asserted the driller. "He's all through an' washed up."  
 "What's happened, Tiller?"  
 "We had a row. I was a fool to put him on in the first place, but his week's up Friday."  
 Mrs. Durham ceased rocking; her sallow face became more yellow. With an effort she said:  
 "He's a right smart hand, Tiller. I'd rather you didn't fire him."  
 "The hell you'd rather!" Maddox exclaimed angrily. "What you got to say about it?"  
 "Why, its my prop'ty, my well—" "Is it?"  
 "Y—You know what I mean, He's smart, I tell you. Didn't he fish that bolt?"  
 "Sure! An' didn't you hire him straight off, so's to spy on me?"  
 "Tiller! It's no such thing. Why should I spy on you? What you bees doin' that you need spyin'—?"  
 "Shut up an' listen to me. He's fired Friday night an' he gets off this place the next mornin'. So that's that! Saturday, sometime, the powder wagon'll be here an' early Monday the men are comin' to shoot the well. We got a big one; I'll bet my life on that. I can tell! Why, she's makin' gas an' trying her best to let go, but"—the speaker paused, then finished slowly, distinctly—"there ain't agoin' to be no well whatever until I'm took care of."  
 The widow's colorless eyes fixed themselves hypnotically upon the swarthy face of the man before her. He continued:  
 "I wasn't gettin' along any too good with Betty before this feller showed up, but since he came she won't have nothing to do with me."  
 "I did the best I could," Mrs. Durham declared, nervously, "but she says she won't marry you. She goes hog wild every time I talk about it."  
 "There's ways to make a girl marry. You got to make her marry me before that well comes in, or it's just like I said—it ain't comin' in!"  
 "Tiller!" gasped the woman. "You dassent do—anything to it. Not now!"  
 "Oh, dassent I? Who'll stop me? You won't. That little old bolt made a lot of trouble, didn't it? Well, that's nothin'. It just shows how easy it is to—"  
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Poultry Awards

Winners of ribbons in the several classes follow:  
 White Leghorns: Raymond Ferguson, 1st and 3rd young pen, 1st cockerel, 1st and 2nd pullet; Clifford Eoff, 2nd young pen, 2nd and 3rd cockerel, 2nd pullet; Henry Smith, 1st and 2nd cock.  
 White Rocks: Roy Miller, 1st and 2nd young pen, 1st and 2nd cockerel, 1st and 3rd pullet; Yates Brown, 2nd pullet.  
 Dark Cornish: Andrew Barbee, 3rd cockerel, 1st pullet, 1st young pen; John S. Hughes, 2nd and 3rd young pen, 1st and 2nd cockerel, 2nd and 3rd pullet.  
 Buff Orpingtons: Art Sharp, 1st old pen, 1st cock, 1st, 2nd and 3rd hen, 1st and 2nd young pen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd cockerel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pullet; Marvin Smith, 3rd young pen.  
 Buff Minorcas: Mrs. Roy Harrell, 1st young pen, 1st cockerel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pullet.  
 Speckled Sussex: J. R. Baze, 1st cockerel, 1st pullet.  
 Buff Rocks: Yates Brown, 1st young pen, 1st cockerel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pullet.  
 Barred Rocks: Roy Miller, 2nd and 3rd young pen, 2nd and 3rd cockerel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pullet, 1st and 2nd hen; Mrs. Roy Harrell, 1st young pen, 1st cockerel.  
 Black Minorcas: Walter Vantreese, 1st, 2nd and 3rd young pen, 1st, 2nd

and 3rd cockerel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pullet.  
 Black Giants: Miss Cecilia Hester, 1st young pen, 1st cockerel, 1st and 2nd pullet.  
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ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday the 14th day of January, 1936, at 6 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.  
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NOODLE NEWS

Rev. Mr. Crumpler preached at the Baptist church at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday.  
 Elder W. G. Cyfert of Merkel filled his regular appointment at the Church of Christ Sunday morning.  
 Mrs. J. W. Spurgin has as her guest her mother, Mrs. Moore, of Groom.  
 E. B. Booch and family of Hamlin visited the E. T. Satterwhite family Sunday.  
 C. C. Justice of A. C. C. spent the week-end with home folks. He was accompanied by his roommate, Milton Shelley.  
 Paul Wheeler and family of Merkel attended church here Sunday.  
 Gene Spurgin and family of Anson spent Sunday here the guest of his brother, J. M. Spurgin.  
 Joe Winter and family and Dorris Winter and family spent Sunday with Bill James and family.  
 Edward Lawlis and family of Golan, Otto Bicknell and family and Miss Idell Cooper of Merkel were dinner guests Sunday of Mrs. Waldo Cox.  
 Hester Brewer and family of White Flat are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper.  
 J. O. Sosebee of Abilene and Miss Marie Womble of Haskell visited A. W. Sosebee and family Sunday.  
 Mrs. George Cooper and daughter, Mrs. Hester Brewer, and children visited relatives in Anson Monday.  
 Mrs. E. V. Satterwhite and little

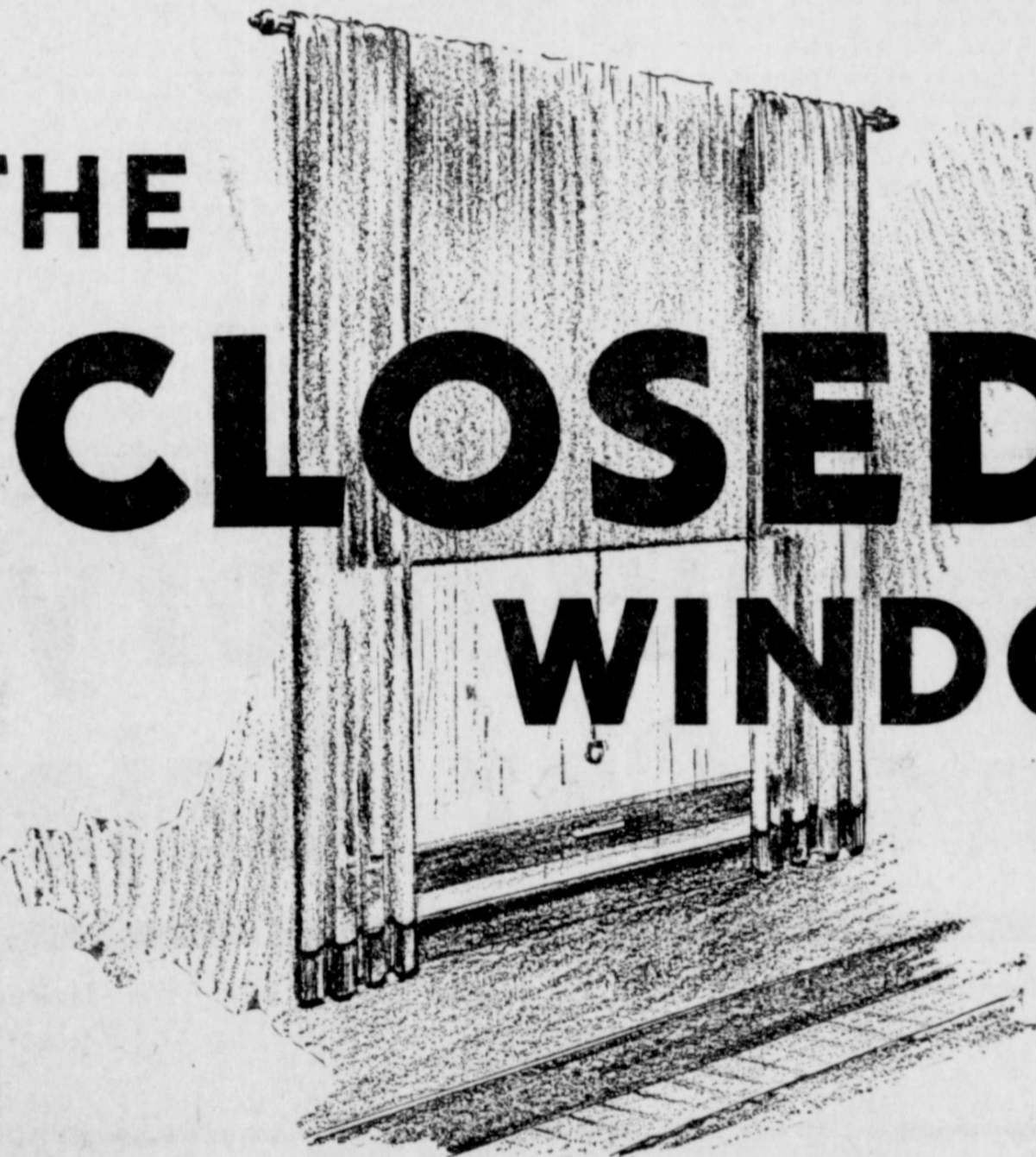
daughter, Glenice, visited Mrs. J. R. Murdock Monday afternoon.  
 Mrs. A. C. Sosebee and children and Jack and G. L. Pierce went to Abilene Friday afternoon to view the Santa Claus parade.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan spent the week-end at Weinert, the guests of her sister.  
 O. W. Sosebee, Woodrow Justice, Lowell Barbee and Odell Eoff went to Fort Worth Sunday with two truck loads of cattle.  
 Every one is urged to attend the singing Friday night. A special feature will be a quartette from Simmons university.  
 Noodle senior boys and senior girls defeated McCauley in the basketball game Friday night at Anson. The scores: boys, 22-11, girls, 16-10. Noodle All-Stars also defeated Hawley All-Stars 22-16. The trip was made in

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When open flame heaters are used exclusively it is of utmost importance to have adequate ventilation and a circulation of heated air, if healthful conditions are to exist. Proper ventilation should be provided through window openings, and pure warmed air should be kept circulating through connecting doors of all rooms. America's Public Health Enemy Number One, the common cold germ, finds a fertile field in an inadequately heated and poorly ventilated home.

A simple method of providing a constant circulation of fresh air is to open the window nearest the heater in each room slightly at the top and bottom. This permits fresh, oxygen-laden air to replace the products of combustion caused by breathing and by the fuel burning in the room. The overheated air which rises to the ceiling circulates to other parts of the room and a more healthful air condition is the result.

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**FAREWELL PARTY.**

Mrs. W. L. Diltz, who will be leaving shortly to make her home in Ballinger was complimented on last Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. C. B. Gardner with Mesdames Charlie Jones and Henry West co-hostesses in entertaining with a handkerchief shower.

House decorations were in keeping with the Yuletide season as were all game appointments on tables arranged for progressive "42."

At the culmination of the game hour Mrs. Charlie Jones read two lovely Christmas poems written by Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird. Mrs. Jones then cleverly impersonated Santa Claus and distributed small gifts from a lighted silver Christmas tree. Mrs. Diltz was the recipient of many dainty handkerchiefs as mementos from members of the Fortnightly Study club, who were named as guests.

A seasonal refreshment plate was passed to Mesdames Diltz, Largent, Gamble, Burgess, Grimes, Sadler, Brown, Jones, West and Gardner. Misses Christine Collins, Dora Garoutte, Julia Martin and Helen Patterson.

**MISSIONARY SOCIAL.**

A most delightful social hour was held in the home of Mrs. J. R. Walling at Noodle Dome for members of the Presbyterian missionary society on last Tuesday afternoon. A very interesting program was climaxed with a contest which very cleverly paid tribute to Mrs. W. L. Diltz, retiring president of the society. Delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames W. L. Diltz, R. A. Walker, John West, Henry West, W. M. Elliott, Charlie Jones and the hostess, Mrs. Walling.

**STUDIO CLASS LESSON.**

Members of the voice and piano classes of Christine Collins held their class lesson in the studio on Thursday evening of last week in the form of a party. Tap dancing, piano and vocal numbers by various members of the class were enjoyed until the refreshment hour when delectable sandwiches, burt Verkins, fruit cake and hot punch were served in Rose Marie Glass.

Members of the class are Jessie Lee Mayhall, Fredda Nell Huddleston, Mary Frances Wills, Pearl Mathews, Maurine Huddleston, Helen Heeter, Dorothy Shannon, Stacy Huddleston, Hollis Perry, Vernie Derrick, Thelma Mathews, Wanda Huddleston, Walderrine Huskey, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, Mrs. Homer Patterson, Alton Bicknell, Norman King, Oscar Adcock, Lynn Shelton and Barney Douglass.

**ANNUAL LOVE FEAST.**

The T. E. L. class of the Baptist church met Thursday of last week in its annual "Love Feast." This is a yearly occasion when all former members, dating back to the organization of the class, are invited to be guests of the present class membership in a 1 o'clock luncheon. This occasion is always a Christmas affair and the pleasure of it is looked forward to from one year to the other.

The letters of regret in answer to the many invitations sent out were read at the luncheon and members were glad to hear from and know the whereabouts of so many who had been away for some time.

The menu consisted of turkey and the other things to go with it to make it truly a feast. The meal was interspersed with piano music furnished by Iris Garrett, a solo by Ethel Hamilton and a number of Mrs. Pearson's favorite Christmas carols and poems were brought in her very pleasing manner.

A business meeting followed, presided over by the president, Mrs. Olive Dye, and plans were made for "Christmas Cheer" to be done by the class in co-operation with other organizations engaging in the same work.

The following members and guests were present: Mesdames Earl Lassiter, Abilene, Burl Scott, Anson, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Saffle, Plainview, Mrs. Wall, Fort Worth, Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Abilene, Mesdames John Childress, Yates Brown, J. L. Winter, E. B. Barnes, Lige Gamble, E. W. King, C. B. Gardner, W. J. Largent, Lake Renfro, Harold King, Richard Pearson, Earl Teague, Deavers, Joe Self, Sam Swann, A. D. Fulton, Clack, A. R. Booth, O. R. Dye, C. R. Joyner, J. L. Barnett, Roy Miller, W. B. Stephens, Kyle, W. D. Barnes, C. T. Derrick, H. B. Lancaster, Misses Iris Garrett, Maxie Banner, Ethel Hamilton.

**VOTA VITA CLASS.**

The Vota Vita class met Tuesday night at the Baptist church for their annual Christmas banquet. After each had found their places around the table, Mrs. Swann offered thanks. The tables were loaded with good things to eat, including turkey and dressing and all good things that go with it.

Mrs. Byers Petty and Mrs. Bill Haynes had charge of the program which consisted of a wonderful devotional led by Mrs. Swann. Mrs. Comer Haynes brought a clever reading.

While every one was seated around the Christmas tree, Mrs. Bill Fugat and Mrs. Leonard Jinkens acted as Mr. and Mrs. Santa and gave gifts to each one there.

Those present were Mesdames Sam Swann, C. R. Joyner, Bill Haynes,

# CHURCH SERVICES

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor. Evening service at 5:30 with a special musical program arranged by the music committee, Mr. and Mrs. John West, Charlie Jones and Delma Compton,

Byers Petty, Comer Haynes, Nell Lee, Florence Berry, Bonnie Griswold, Bill Callahan, Warren Smith, Leonard Jinkens, Irl Walker, Ed Sandusky, Erwin Jowers, Roy Reid, Earl Baze, Bill Fugat, Ted McGehee, Allen McGehee, J. L. Wilson, L. A. Gilbreath, Dent Gibson, Warren Higgins, Charlie Higgins, W. T. Sadler, Seth Morgan, Rex Myers and Castle Ellis.

**ALATHEAN CLASS.**

The Alathean class of the First Baptist church held their monthly class meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at the church. Mrs. Charles West, the president, directed the meeting, with the devotional given by Mrs. H. P. Allen, and prayer by Mrs. W. J. Saffle. Mrs. F. A. Polley was elected membership vice-president, after which the meeting was turned over to the hostesses in charge.

Mona Muriel McCandless and Cullie McDaniel sang a number which was greatly enjoyed by all after which a Christmas menu was served to Mesdames W. L. Johnson, F. A. Polley, Charles West, R. H. Mathews, W. F. Patterson, J. M. Meeks, E. N. Brown, J. T. Warren, Victor Harris, W. O. Boney, Frank Hamm, H. P. Allen, S. F. Haynes, J. M. McNiece, H. B. Chambless, and three visitors, Mesdames J. M. Ashby, J. W. Saffle and Kendrick.

The hostesses were Mesdames W. A. McCandless, R. P. Fields and C. M. Largent.

The class will meet Dec. 18 in the home of Mrs. G. M. Sharp, with Mesdames Sharp, Johnson and West hostesses.

and sermon by the pastor. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. You are cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.

**R. A. Walker, Pastor.**

**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. WMU at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 7:15 Wednesday evening.

**ALATHEAN CLASS.**

We are laborers together with God. Sunday School membership implies and demands co-operation; not only was there co-operation between God and man, but there was also co-operation of men with each other. Our best work for God is done when we work together. So let all be in our class

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Class President.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

Only 646 were present at the six Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 668 on the previous Sunday. A year ago the attendance was 775.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Preaching service 11 a. m. Message by the pastor. Evening worship 7 o'clock. Rev. C. A. Long, our presiding elder, will bring the message, at the close of the service will hold our first quarter conference. Woman's missionary society meets

2:50 each Monday afternoon. Our mid-week prayer service Wednesday 7:15 p. m. We extend a special invitation to those interested in our Christmas musical program. John H. Crow, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

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

Wednesday evening's program varying for a time, as Brother Rollins is bringing with him one of 14 young preachers from A. C. C., who will preach Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

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