

## Keeping Up With Texas

Daisy May Hutchins, 14, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hutchins, was burned to death Friday afternoon at the family home, four and a half miles north of Knox City. She was alone when the six-room farm home was destroyed with all its contents, her parents being at work in a nearby field.

Mrs. J. W. Walker of Plainview was elected president of the Texas Federation of Women's clubs at the close of balloting at the state convention at Austin Thursday night, Nov. 14, defeating Mrs. O. H. Carlisle of Houston, 432 to 229.

A passenger train crushed a school bus stalled on a crossing at Gilmer Friday, killing the driver and his son. The victims were Clyde Richardson, 32, and Joe Lynn Richardson, 6.

Miss Earline Stegall, 22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stegall of Athens, was fatally injured Saturday night on the Malakoff highway, two miles west of Athens, in a traffic accident.

Lon Boynton, publisher of the Lamar County Echo at Paris, was elected president of the Texas Editorial association at the closing session at Brownsville Saturday of its twenty-ninth annual convention.

One girl was fatally injured and four other young people were hurt when two cars crashed at Longview Saturday night. Miss Alma Grimes died in a hospital of a severed jugular vein and crushed head only a few minutes after the wreck occurred.

Burns received Thursday when her clothing ignited while she was standing in front of a wood heater proved fatal Sunday to Mrs. Guy Foster, 34, of Clarksville.

Willie E. McKnight, 38, of Sherman was injured fatally when his automobile overturned near Sherman on highway 82 early Sunday.

First accident to claim the life of a Camp Bowie soldier was recorded Sunday at Brownwood when Clarence C. Webb, 26, private first class from Fort Bliss, died of head injuries received Saturday midnight when the car in which he was riding overturned between Brownwood and Brady.

Kenneth Kavanaugh Warren, 17, of Irving, died at Dallas Sunday of injuries received when he was struck by an automobile at Irving Saturday night.

Mrs. J. H. Sprinkle, 50, died Monday afternoon in a Fort Worth hospital of burns suffered 13 hours earlier when fire razed her home. Mrs. Sprinkle's death was Fort Worth's seventh fatality of the year and Tarrant county's tenth.

Allen Kitson, 39, of Dallas, died Sunday of injuries received when he fell down an elevator shaft in the Tribune tower at Austin. He was the second victim of an accident which Friday took the life of Nolan Mosher, also of Dallas.

Joshua (Game Josh) Cosden, 59, colorful figure in the nation's oil game, died suddenly Sunday aboard a Southern Pacific passenger train at Wilcox, Ariz., of a heart attack.

Annual meeting of the Baptist general convention in 1941 will be held in Abilene Nov. 11, 12, 13 and 14. The convention chose Abilene at its meeting in Houston last week.

Memorial services for the late Chief Justice C. M. Cureton of the supreme court will be held in the court chambers Dec. 7 under auspices of the Travis County Bar association, with the state bar of Texas officiating.

Premier Granite Quarries, Inc., of Llano shipped one car of finished pink granite to Washington, D. C., Saturday as a part of a 35-carload contract for the east building of the administration group of the Washington municipal center.

Wilhelm H. Warnick, 49, enrollee at the CCC camp at Temple, was shot to death Monday at the camp. Another enrollee was held in jail at Belton charged with murder.

Matt Bethel, 52, assistant superintendent of the Atlantic Pipe Line company, Longview, was injured fatally in a head-on collision on the Kilgore highway near Longview.

Walter J. Merka, 34, of Benchley, was accidentally shot and killed by a hunter while deer hunting early Tuesday on a ranch 15 miles northwest of Burnet.

### Record of Births

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harris, Stith, Tuesday, November 19, 1940.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Carr, Route 2, Tuesday, November 19, 1940.

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## MERKEL BOYS RUN ROUGHSHOD OVER WINGATE

**Pirates No Match for Badgers  
In Game Last Friday Night;  
Benson's Charges Gain Total  
Of 338 Yards.**

Merkel ran roughshod over the Wingate Pirates on the local gridiron last Friday night by a score of 38-7.

The Badgers dominated the game from the start and piled up 15 first downs and 338 yards gained to 2 first downs and 129 yards gained for the losers.

"Buster" Melton was the offensive star of the ball game by virtue of scoring 5 of Merkel's 6 touchdowns. He scored on runs of 5, 6, 8, 40 and 15 yards—all over left tackle. Merkel's other tally came when "Tilly" Rutledge, a line backing guard, intercepted a Pirate pass and scampered 35 yards to the goal line.

Wingate's only marker came in the last half with Merkel's entire first string on the bench. Bishop snagged a twice batted pass and outran the secondary 45 yards to score.

The Badgers' first string line opened gaping holes for its backfield all night and on defense it was practically impregnable, allowing only 29 yards gained rushing.

Another bright light of the game was a new found passing attack. Five of 11 passes were completed for 74 yards. Receivers dropped several catches because of cold hands.

Merkel is host to Baird here Wednesday night (this week) in what promises to be one of the best football games ever played in Merkel. Do your bit to help the boys win this one by coming out to see the  
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## Remains of J. M. Ashby Brought Here for Burial

John M. Ashby, 71, a resident of Merkel for 23 years until his removal to Belton in the spring, died Friday morning, Nov. 15, at his home there. Because of an infection, his right leg had to be amputated ten years ago and a similar infection had set up in his left leg, which caused his death.

The body, accompanied by members of the family and friends, was brought overland from Belton, reaching here about six o'clock Friday evening.

Funeral services were held from the First Baptist church at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, with the pastor, Rev. Cooper Waters, officiating, assisted by Rev. I. L. Parrack of Chillicothe, former pastor of the church here. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery, with Barrow-Sheppard funeral home in charge.

Pallbearers were Comer Haynes, W. O. Boney, Clark Mundy, W. S. J. Brown, A. A. McGehee and E. O. Carson.

Flower girls were Tommy Grimes, Helen Heeter, Dora Gaither, Becky Gardner and Billie McGehee.

Mr. Ashby was a native of Tennessee, having come here in 1917. Surviving are his wife; one daughter by a former marriage, Mrs. Shirley Wells, of Tennessee; three children by the second marriage, Joe Ben Ashby, Dallas; J. D. Ashby, Stephenville, and Mrs. Ted McGehee, Belton, and six grandchildren.

Also surviving are one brother, D. W. Ashby, Merkel; a half-brother, Jim Ashby, Colorado City, and three half-sisters, Mrs. Sallie Parks, Mrs. Tiny Caughron and Mrs. Willie Pamplin, all of Tennessee.

## Badgers are Rated Third in District

After Wednesday night's game with Baird, which is non-conference, the Merkel Badgers have only one conference tilt on their string—a game with Lorraine, postponed from Nov. 8 to Thursday night of next week, Nov. 28.

With two victories, two losses and one tie, the Merkel boys have a .500 rating in the percentage column to hold third place in district 6A. Colorado City is tops with five straight wins, Rotan, second with four victories and one defeat.

## ANNOUNCE PLAY NIGHT AT GYM NEXT MONDAY

There will be fun for everybody at the gym next Monday night, Nov. 25, at 7:30. This is every one's night to play the games they like and also play many others given by the recreation directors of Merkel. There will be everything from pingpong to bombardment, quiet or active games as to your choice. Everything is free and everyone is invited.

There will also be an exhibition given by the Abilene tumbling team, trained by Charlie Pond. These boys have practically all won high honors in state meets. They gave one exhibition here, and it is always tops on the program.

This is a program for every one—boys, girls, men and women. Every one is requested to wear rubber sole shoes, if possible, but, if you don't have them, come any way—there will be plenty of games for you.

## Ten Draftees From Taylor County, First Quota, Off Tuesday

The first draft contingent of ten men from Taylor county, all volunteers, left Abilene at 2:45 Tuesday morning on the eastbound T. & P. passenger train, bound for Dallas, to be inducted into the army, for one year's training under the selective service program for national defense.

Seven of the group of ten were from the city of Abilene, furnished by draft board No. 1, while three were assigned to service by board No. 2, outside of Abilene.

In charge of the draft board No. 2 group of three men was Vernon Lovell Griffin, just barely 21, who lives in Oklahoma. He had been working here for the past several weeks with the Walco Engineering and Construction company, contractors for the REA in this area. He had once served with the Civilian Conservation corps.

J. W. Streetman, formerly in the army down at Laredo and discharged after 11 months because of dependents, and Preston Melvin Mayfield, who had served with the marine corps, stationed at San Diego, Calif., for the four year period of enlistment, were the two other volunteers from board No. 2, Taylor county.

Tribute was paid the volunteers Monday afternoon in a patriotic program sponsored by Parramore Post of the American Legion, held in the federal court room at Abilene. T. N. Carswell, commander of the legion post, was in charge of the program, with several prominent speakers taking part.

The volunteers were also guests of Parramore Post Monday night at a dinner, held at the Taylor county veterans club house.

## Father of Mrs. Daniel Dies in Washington

Mrs. C. L. Daniel left Monday for Keiso, Wash., to attend the funeral of her father, R. A. Ford, who died Sunday after an illness of several months.

Funeral services were not to be held until Thursday, awaiting the arrival of Mrs. Daniel.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. C. J. Deer, Corpus Christi, and Mrs. F. J. Hockett, Keiso, Wash., and eleven grandchildren. Mrs. Daniel will remain in Washington for about a month.

## Merkel FFA Boys Win Conducting Contests

Merkel and Abilene FFA boys won first places in the annual chapter conducting contests of the Abilene FFA federation at the Abilene high school Tuesday.

Merkel won the senior chapter contest, with Abilene, Lawn and Novice, second, third and fourth, respectively.

Abilene won the green hands' contest. Lawn was second, Baird, third, and Novice, fourth.  
Judges were Lester C. Burk, Rotan; R. D. Steele, Roby, and F. W. Martin of Dowell school.

## WILL DISPERSE LARGENT HERD JANUARY SALE

**Decision Made by Owner on Account of Ill Health to Dispose of Oldest-Established Herd in United States.**

With the announcement, made public in the last issue of the Hereford Journal, that on Jan. 8, time previously selected by W. J. Largent for the first auction of cattle from the well known firm, first operated as C. M. Largent and Sons and later as W. J. Largent and Son, the entire herd of about 100 head would be dispersed, instead of selling 40 head, the people of Merkel and West Texas will be slow to realize the significance of such an announcement.

For the Largent herd is the oldest-established herd in the United States, an honor to which the Largent breeders succeeded when the Hazlett herd was dispersed several years ago, following the death of the owner, Robert Hazlett. The Largent cattle have been shown on the big circuits for 38 years.

Decision to disperse the entire herd, reached after long consideration, was due mainly to the poor health of Willie Joe Largent and the fact that his son, Billy, is in his first year of college work, thus unable to carry on the work.

Included in the offering will be the entire show herd, all of the cows and calves, the young herd bulls, and the senior herd sire, eight-year-old Publican Domino 10th, the highest ranking living Register of Merit sire in the United States.

## Father of Mrs. Grable Dies of Heart Atta

R. P. Lee, 69, father of Mrs. John Grable, died at his home at Throckmorton at 11 p. m. Thursday night of last week of a heart attack.

Upon receipt of word of her father's death, Mr. and Mrs. Grable and two children left for Throckmorton at once.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday from the First Methodist church at Throckmorton, conducted by Dr. C. A. Bickley, Abilene district superintendent of Methodist churches, and Rev. Mr. Hull, Throckmorton pastor.

Mr. Lee was a prominent banker and cattle man, having begun his career as an early-day trail driver. He was an active member of the Methodist church and was a steward and chairman of the church building committee, which supervised the construction of the \$40,000 church at Throckmorton.

A number of friends from here attended the funeral Saturday including Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson, Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. Spencer Bird, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Walling, Mrs. Earl Teague and Miss Geraldine Teague.

Surviving are his wife and seven daughters: Mrs. Augie Mae Howell, Fort Worth; Mrs. B. C. Taylor, Alexandria, La.; Mrs. Fred Hughes, Abilene; Mrs. Grable; Mrs. Ira Lauderdale, Westbrook; Mrs. Robert Calvin, Graford, and Mrs. Tom Craft, Throckmorton. A brother and three sisters also survive.

## Teachers Attend State Meeting at Fort Worth

The public schools will enjoy a double holiday—both Thursday and Friday—on account of Thanksgiving, which week-end is the time set for the annual meeting of the Texas State Teachers' association to be held at Fort Worth this year.

Supt. Connor Robinson will be accompanied by Mrs. Robinson, and others from the Merkel school faculty planning to attend the teachers' meeting are Mrs. Comer Haynes, Miss Willie Bell Virden and Charles Clark, from the High school, and Miss La Verne Dunbar, from Grammar school.

The post office will be closed all day Thursday for the holiday, the rural carriers also to have the day off. The Farmers & Merchants bank and all the business houses in town, except service stations, drug stores and cafes, will be closed.

## SET WEDNESDAY FOR LOCAL RED CROSS DRIVE

Members of the women's study clubs will canvass the residential parts of town on Wednesday, Nov. 27, in the annual Red Cross membership drive, it was announced Wednesday morning by Mrs. Elma McFarland, local chairman.

Johnny Cox is chairman of the committee, appointed by President R. T. Gray of the Lions club, to solicit memberships in the business district, the time to be announced later.

Any one wishing to become a member of the Red Cross may enroll with either of these committees or leave their dollar at the Merkel Mail office.

## Nolan Deep Test Records Depth of 150 Feet First Day

The No. 1, L. N. McRee, deep oil test being drilled a half mile northeast of the Tipton discovery well, southwest of Trent, recorded a depth of 150 feet Monday night. At that depth surface pipe was set and it was expected that work would be resumed again Wednesday.

Several property owners, who have land in the lease block of 3,000 acres, were on hand Monday as the bit started the new test, which is being made by Arthur Harvey, independent oil operator of Dallas.

Harvey, it is reported, obtained 700 acres on a trade from S. W. Metcalf of New York. The Denver Drilling company has the contract, making the well to a depth of 150 feet. They are using a rig with a 126-

Reports Wednesday from the Eastland Oil company No. 1, T. Bigham, south outpost of the Dunagin pool, showed the drill around 2,700 feet, with possibility of going on to 3,400 feet, unless pay is found sooner.

## Divide Wins Six-Man Crown in District 14

At Sweetwater last Friday afternoon Divide defeated Pyron, 13 to 6, to win the championship of District 14 of the six-man football league.

The Nolan county team finished the season without a single loss, scoring 246 points to opponents' 26. Pyron, Seury county, was defending champion.

## MERKEL 30 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, November 25, 1910.)

### OUR THANKSGIVING.

It is in a spirit of Thanksgiving that we speak in this issue the gratitude in our hearts—our Thanksgiving.

It is now nearly a quarter of a century since Mary Jane Cox with an old-style George Washington press and a shirt-tail full of type, the sum total of which would not invoice three hundred dollars, started and established the Merkel Mail. That was a long time ago, and during that great interval of time there have been many changes and new conditions which developed to affect the interests of this paper, but in all the plant has continued in operation and when no progress forward was possible the paper never went backward. The files of The Mail tell a history of progress for this town and country and a story of loyal support and liberal patronage for the paper which has represented and reflected the interests of this community.

The harvest which this day is designated to represent has not been this year one of bounty for our town and country, but all would be guilty of basest ingratitude if we did not feel thankful for those blessings which we did receive and now possess. Merkel is thankful for all of her many natural advantages, our churches, our schools, our water, our homes, our health, our people, our country and, too, for the fact that

## MARVIN BOYD NEW PASTOR LOCAL CHURCH

**Comes from Post Church to Succeed John H. Crow; Former Merkel Minister Transferred to Paducah Charge.**

Rev. John H. Crow, who served the local Methodist church for the past five years, was transferred to Paducah when the list of appointments was announced Tuesday afternoon by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt at Pampa. He and his wife will probably leave Friday for their new home.

Named to the Merkel pastorate is Rev. Marvin Boyd, transferred from Post into the Abilene district.

Dr. C. A. Bickley was retained as district superintendent, and the pastorate of the Methodist churches in Abilene will remain unchanged.

Rev. W. G. Anderson was switched from Trent to Hawley. New pastor at Trent is Rev. Cecil Tune.

Rev. J. B. Stewart was returned to the Blair circuit, and Rev. R. L. Gilpin was also returned at Tye. Rev. Alsie H. Carlton, former pastor at Trent and later at Clyde, was transferred to Roby.

Among former pastors who have served the Merkel church, it is noted that Rev. E. L. Yeats remains at Memphis and Rev. P. H. Gates at Dumas. Rev. T. C. Willett will serve the church at Seymour.

Rev. Elmer Landreth was returned to Lamesa. Rev. Russell Pike goes to Channing-Hartley in the Perryton district.

At Monday morning's session of conference, Abilene was unanimously chosen as the 1941 meeting place of the Northwest Texas conference.

## Reserve Officer Called to Service

Orders from Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, were received Tuesday by Dr. Urban H. Zehnpenning, first lieutenant in the medical reserve corps, to report Dec. 15 to Fort Sill, Okla., for extended active service.

Dr. Zehnpenning had been notified some time ago to be in readiness, subject to two weeks' notice. He will be accompanied by his wife and assigned to the station hospital at Fort Sill.

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**Continue Study on "This World of Ours"**

For the third of a series of studies on "This World of Ours," the Study group of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association met in the home of Mrs. Connor Robinson on Wednesday morning, Nov. 20, from 9:30 to 10:30. Stressing the importance of youth

as our greatest resource and the problems of youth in working out their economic problems toward better citizenship, the following program was discussed: "Youth, Our Greatest Resource," Mrs. Clyde Sears; "How Much Are We Worth?" Mrs. Clesby Patterson; "With Liberty and Justice for All," Mrs. Lem Dudley, and "President's Message," Mrs. Norman Hodge.

**Attend Dinner for Carriers at Cisco**

Postmaster Wrenn Durham and three rural carriers, Messrs. R. L. Adcock, Joe Nalley and F. M. Simpson, attended the dinner at Cisco last Saturday night for carriers of the 17th congressional district.

Judge Sam Russell, Stephenville, congressman-elect, was the principal speaker at the dinner which was held at the First Methodist church.

Mr. Adcock was accompanied by his wife and they went from Cisco to Brownwood to visit Saturday night with a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Barkley. Mr. Nalley, accompanied by his wife, remained over in Cisco and attended church there Sunday.

**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Castle B. Ellis and son, Glenn, of Comanche spent the week-end and Armistice Day holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Ellis.

Miss Linnie Fay Armstrong has returned from a visit in Dallas with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Armstrong, who are entertaining a new baby boy, named James Douglas. She also visited other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moore and daughter, Anne, of Biardstown, were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Moore, also spending part time with Mrs. R. A. Walker and family.

Tom Henderson, accompanied by his son Atwell, returned Saturday from Savannah, Mo., where the former had gone for treatment at the hospital. Friends will be glad to learn that the examination showed that he was getting along satisfactorily.

Mrs. J. H. Grayson, who had been visiting the past month with her daughter, Mrs. Tom Greene, at Hobbs, N. M., came home Saturday, accompanied by Mrs. Greene. The latter remained over Sunday before returning home.

J. C. Childress, for many years local agent of the T. & P. railway, and Mrs. Childress were here Monday. They have been residing at Weatherford for sometime but left Tuesday for Westbrook, where Mr. Childress assumed duties as local agent for the same railroad. He felt that his health would permit him to handle only a small depot agency.

Mrs. Jackson Parker and daughter, Jean, arrived from Andrews the latter part of last week to spend a few days here before joining her husband at El Paso. A lieutenant of the 124th cavalry, National Guards, Mr. Parker is with the company now being mobilized at Houston but later to be stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, for 60 days, from where they will be transferred to Brownsville for border service.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Dye have returned from a visit with three of her sisters at Dallas. They were accompanied by Rube Henslee, who visited three brothers at Granbury and a brother and his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Cogburn, of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Ernest Massey and children returned Wednesday from Denton for a holiday visit with her sister, Mrs. Twyman Collins.

Mrs. Lucille White and Mrs. R. H. Mathews left Tuesday for San Antonio to spend several days. They will visit with Mrs. Mathews' son, Frank Mathews, who is a master sergeant in the signal corps, and Mrs. Mathews.

Lloyd Vick, who is attending the McNece business college at Henderson, arrived Tuesday for a holiday visit with friends here. He will return Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt of Waco visited with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Milliken, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Firstbrook of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent of Brownwood were week-end guests of their mother, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider.

**Centers Will Complete 575 Mattresses Dec. 1**

Four hundred and two mattresses have been made to date in Taylor county in the federal mattress making program for low income farm families, Miss Hattie Tacker, home demonstration agent, said Saturday. By the time the work is concluded by Dec. 1, 173 more will have been made.

The communities in which mattress centers have been operated, or where work is to be done, and the quota for each, follow:

Blair 40, IXL 22, Salt Branch 22, Trent 19, Mount Pleasant 30, Union Ridge 20, Wylie 40, Potosi 33, Buffalo Gap 37, Bradshaw 40, Ovalo 35, Abilene 75, Butterfield 31, and Shep 40.

Purpose of the mattress program, sponsored by the department of agriculture, is to aid low-income farm families and reduce the cotton surplus.

Sixty-three bales will have been used in Taylor county by Dec. 1, according to Miss Tacker. In addition, 5,750 yards of ticking have gone into the mattresses.

One mattress goes to each family, so 575 families will have benefited from the program by Dec. 1. Families whose annual income is below \$400 cash are eligible to receive one. The work started in July. A new program will be inaugurated in December.

Fire Sale at Patterson's Grocery Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Special Thanksgiving Dinner at Ed's Cafe.

**Wickford Massey on NTSTC Football Squad**

News of local boys making good in college sports is always interesting. So friends in Merkel and Trent will be glad to hear of what Wickford Massey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Massey of Denton, formerly of Trent, and nephew of Mrs. Twyman Collins, is doing at North Texas State Teachers college, Denton, which always has a strong football line-up.

Wick, as he is called, lettered two years at Denton high and was captain for one at the guard position. He plays either left guard or tackle on the Teachers' eleven and carries his 210 pounds with surprising speed, it is reported in the college paper. He knows more different positions than any other member of the team.

An amusing incident is related wherein it seems Wick, during scrimmage, taking the ball on a lateral, faced a certain Senator Howard, who hit him "like a bolt of lightning," throwing Wick in the air about five yards. "He had been through the experience of being hit by the Senator (the human tractor.)"

**Hitler Lost Chance to Blitzkrieg Britain**

New York, Nov. 20.—Adolf Hitler lost his chance to beat Britain into submission on Sept. 15, the "last day" of the mass aerial attack on London, Ralph Ingersoll, editor of PM, who has just returned from two weeks in the British capital, wrote Monday.

On that day, Ingersoll said in the first of a series of copyright dispatches in his newspaper, Britain was virtually on her knees from nine days of blitzkrieg from the air, London was in flames and British pilots and home defense workers were near exhaustion. Britain was ready for the knockout blow, he said, but Hitler let his opportunity slip by. On Sept. 15, he recalled, the British brought down more than 200 enemy planes, and that ended the attempted mass blitz.

"... On the last day of the battle over London (Sept. 15)," he said, "he (Hitler) lost the last chance he will ever have to blitzkrieg the British into submission."

**Sends Twelve Millions.**

Washington, Nov. 20.—The American Red Cross reported Tuesday it had distributed \$12,339,505 for war relief up to Oct. 31.



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**Deaths from Fires in Texas Show Decline**

Austin, Nov. 20.—A sharp decline in the number of fire deaths during the months of September and October was reported Monday by Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner.

The monthly average through August had been approximately 32 deaths, but only 47 Texans were burned to death during September and October. "This report reflects a great deal of improvement, but the record is far from perfect," he said. "Our most dangerous fire-death months are upon us, and I want to impress upon every person the importance of exercising caution, particularly in the homes."

The number of fire deaths for the first ten months of the year totaled 337. The leading causes of fatal burns were standing too close to open fires, improper use of gasoline, lack of proper exits, explosions.

**Badgers**

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game. Starting time has been set for 7:45.

The starting line-ups:  
Merkel—Ends, Winters and Hickam; tackles, Reynolds and Davis; guards, Rutledge and Derington; center, McCoy; quarter, Melton; halves, Clark and Warren; full, Harrell.

Wingate—Ends, Bishop and Case Hancock; tackles, Sheppard and Dugger; guards, Shields and Minor; center, Bean; quarter, Carl Hancock; halves, Dunn and Sturdivant; full, McWilliams.

Statistics:  
First downs, Merkel 15, Wingate 2. Yards gained rushing, Merkel 268, Wingate 29. Yards gained passing, Merkel 44, Wingate 80. Passes completed, Merkel 5 of 11, Wingate 2 of 13. Passes intercepted by, Merkel 8, Wingate 3. Punts, Merkel 3 for 98, Wingate 8 for 318. Penalties, Merkel 6 for 40, Wingate 3 for 35.

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**Rites Held Friday for Mrs. J. M. Baker, 19**

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon from the First Baptist church for Mrs. J. M. Baker, 19, with Rev. Joe P. Self, Jr., of Ivan, former pastor of the New Live Oak Baptist church at Butman, officiating.

Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery, with Barrow-Sheppard funeral home in charge.

Mrs. Baker died at 7 o'clock Thursday night at the Sadler Clinic, which she had entered only 36 hours before. Death was due to uremic poisoning, the attending physician said.

Until her marriage on July 6 at Marfa, Mrs. Baker was Elsie Marie Russell and she had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Russell, here for the past few weeks. At the time of her marriage she was attending Sul Ross Teachers college at Alpine.

Besides her husband, who is in the U. S. army, stationed at Fort D. A. Russell, Marfa, and her parents, survivors are one brother, W. L. Russell, and four sisters, Mrs. Lee Coats, Cottonwood, and Betty Lou, Evelyn Ruth and Patsy La Nelle Russell, Merkel.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to express our thanks and deep appreciation to all who were so helpful and sympathetic during our great sorrow in the recent death of our dear mother.

May God's richest blessings follow each one of you always is our prayer.

**The Children:**

- G. N. Reynolds.
- John W. Reynolds.
- Mrs. I. E. Kelly.
- Mrs. Spurgeon Scott.

★ **FASHION PREVIEW** ★



A WHITE Crown Tested rayon dress, with a swirling silver jacket like the radiator of the Lincoln Zephyr Sports Sedan, designed by E. T. Gregorie, head of the Ford Motor Company's Designing Department, for the November Harper's Bazaar. The dress and white plastic bag feature the Lincoln Zephyr motif.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to express our thanks to all the friends and neighbors who were so faithful during the illness and death of our mother, and special thanks to Dr. Urban Zehnpfennig for his untiring services and to the Texas company employees of Jal, N. M., for the beautiful floral offering.

- Mrs. Jennie Halsey.
- Mrs. Bessie Dunlap.
- Mrs. Florence Wink.
- Sam, Will, Charlie and Elizabeth Webster.

**Mother Honor Guest When Brothers Jointly Celebrate Anniversaries**

When Messrs. and Mesdames Pierce and Vernon Horton celebrated their anniversaries together on Sunday, Nov. 17, the mother of the Horton brothers was the honored guest. The celebration took place in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Horton.

At the noon hour a turkey dinner and all the trimmings were served to Mrs. H. R. Horton, Messrs. and Mesdames Mack Tucker and Robert Riney; Misses Dorothy Lee Horton, Wanna Ely, Mozea Paine and Elva Hughes, the hosts and hostesses and the following children, Joy and Buddy Riney, Yvonne and Tommy Sue Horton.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Horton for their tenth anniversary and to Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Horton for their fourth anniversary.

**List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week**

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

- G. W. Boyce, J. T. Blackburn, R. A. Ellis, John R. West, Cullen Toombs, Merkel; C. R. McIlroy, T. A. Stricklin, W. S. Daniel, C. R. Owen, J. H. Little, W. B. Burns, Jno. C. Hamm, W. P. Blankenship, Delbert Webb, L. F. Cook, J. D. Akin, D. K. Dobbs, Ed Shumway, R. M. White, W. C. Kinsolving, A. W. Byrd, J. H. Ellison, T. M. Hicks, A. O. Richardson, W. A. Flippo, O. C. Bryant, C. A. Walker, J. M. Kelly, Lucian Davis, J. W. Bettes, L. A. Muston, Byron England, W. A. Wilkins, Hayden Turner, W. G. Gallagher, C. C. Siler, J. W. Yowell, Sr., J. C. Crow, J. T. Batts, J. H. McGuire, C. E. Sumrall, Jess Wood, Carl R. Schultz, Abilene; A. R. Wade, J. C. Stewart, Lawn; G. C. Keyes, J. G. Wilks, Trent; N. B. Bailey, Bradshaw; Elbert Forrest, L. O. Groves, Tuscola.

**Sales of Passenger Cars Mark Ten-Year High for October**

Austin, Nov. 20.—October sales of passenger cars on the Texas market boomed to a new ten-year high for that month, the University of Texas business research bureau has reported.

Reports tabulated from fifteen of the state's most populous counties showed that sales for October, 1940, totaled 7,411 new vehicles, more than triple the number registered in October, 1931.

Total new passenger car registrations in 16 counties for last month stood 35.4 per cent above October, 1939, and 75.5 per cent above September, 1940. Commercial car sales totaled 1,217 for last month, or 28.2 per cent above October last year and 22.2 per cent above September, 1940.

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**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

This community is very sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mauldin, who have moved to near Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Lubbock were recent visitors here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jones went last week to Coleman to visit Mrs. Jones' father, Mr. Campbell, of that place.

M. G. Scott of Abilene was a visitor here last Friday.

Mrs. Bessie Billings of Abilene spent the week-end in Trent.

Mrs. Joe English and children of Lamesa spent the past week-end here visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hood, Carletta, and Mrs. Susie Smith went to Munday and Knox City for the week-end. Mrs. Smith, Mr. Hood's sister, who has been here for several weeks, returned to her home in Knox City.

Mrs. Tony Boone and baby son spent the week-end in Sweetwater with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Welch.

Virgie Hardy spent Sunday in Merkel with Mrs. Hob Robertson.

Mrs. Ben Howell had as her guest over the week-end Mrs. Roebuck of San Angelo.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Porter and Alice Carey went to Dallas this week to attend the Baptist convention.

Mrs. Fred Porter has as her guest her sister from Amarillo.

Dorothy Banner and Billy Jo Billington spent the week-end with Mrs. O. S. Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fortune are spending the Thanksgiving holidays in Fort Worth and attending the State Teachers convention there.

Doris Marie Stevens has gone to visit her uncles in Amherst and Levelland.

**SCHOOL NEWS.**

R. N. Sandlin, deputy state superintendent, Tom McGehee, superintendent of Taylor county, and Ed Nienast, superintendent of Nolan county schools, were visitors in the Trent school Friday.

The school cafeteria served turkey dinner Wednesday, after which school was dismissed until after the Thanksgiving holidays.

**TRENT BEATS WYLLIE.**

Trent defeated Wylie 36-20 in a six-man football game here Friday.

First downs: Trent 10, Wylie 9.

Passes attempted: Trent 15, Wylie 22.

Passes complete: Trent 7, Wylie 17.

Trent's starting line-up was: Bill Jones, left end; Othell O'Kelly, center; Billy Tittle, right end; H. H. Jones, halfback; John Barnes, quarterback; Billy Purser, halfback.

**GIRLS PLACE THIRD.**

The Trent girls' basketball team entered the Blackwell tournament Saturday, Nov. 16, and won third place. Individual awards were given to Wilma Stribling and Mary Lou O'Rear.

**Sweetwater Bowl—Six-Man Football—Trent vs. Blackwell**

Trent, Nov. 20.—Tuesday night, Nov. 26, at 7:30 the Trent High Gorillas meet the Blackwell Hornets, six-man footballers, in the dream game of the season. Both Blackwell and Trent have finished high in conferences 12 and 20, respectively, and have been selected to play an exhibition game in the Sweetwater Mustang stadium.

For the benefit of the hundreds who have never witnessed a good six-man football game, here is your chance to see two strong and evenly matched teams in action. So, come on, all you football fans and let's show Trent we're proud of the splendid record they have made this year. Let's go to Sweetwater Nov. 26.

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### QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday — Gene Autry, Geo. (Gabby) Hayes, Jimmy Durante in "Melody Ranch;" added, 2-reel comedy, cartoon and serial.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Bing Crosby and Mary Martin in "Rhythm on the River;" added, cartoon and late News.

Tuesday only—Gene Stratton-Porter's "Laddie," with Tim Holt, Virginia Gilmore, Joan Carroll; also selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday—Ronald Colman and Ginger Rogers, together for the first time, in "Lucky Partners;" special, latest March of Time.

#### "Rhythm on the River"

Seven new songs are featured in Bing Crosby's new Paramount picture, "Rhythm on the River," which comes to the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night.

They are: "Only Forever," "I Don't Want to Cry Anymore," "That's for Me," "What Would Shakespeare Have Said?," "Rhythm on the River," "Ain't It A Shame About Mame?" and "When the Moon Comes Over Madison Square."

The tunes are divided between Bing and Mary Martin, Broadway stage star well known for her renditions of "My Heart Belongs to Daddy" in "Leave It to Me," hit musical of last season.

Also starred is Basil Rathbone with Lillian Cornell and Oscar Levant, one of the experts on radio's "Information Please" in the featured cast.

#### "Laddie"

Combining all the wizardry of Gene Stratton-Porter's literary genius with the magic of the screen, the famous novelist's "Laddie" comes to the Queen theatre Tuesday only as a realistic version which translates all the poignant drama, stirring sentiment and exquisite romance of the great American story.

The story and spirit of "Laddie" which is known to more than forty million readers, and which has sold over 2,500,000 copies, are vividly translated to the screen. "Laddie" presents Tim Holt in the title role of the Indiana farm boy; Virginia Gilmore as Pamela, otherwise known as she earns a bank account for Joan Carroll as Little Sister, Laddie's constant companion.

#### "Lucky Partners"

Bracketing two of the screen's top favorites for the first time, "Lucky Partners" brings Ronald Colman and Ginger Rogers to the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday in what is said to be the sprightliest comedy-romance of the screen.

From the ultra-modern, sophisticated pen of Sacha Guitry, "Lucky Partners" casts Colman as David Grant, an artist with a secret past, and Miss Rogers as Jean, a clerk in her aunt's

Greenwich Village book shop. Jean is engaged to Poughkeepsie's coming tycoon, Freddie, and as soon as she earns a bank account for emergencies, she plans to marry him. Circumstances cause Jean to believe that David brings her good luck, and she urges him to join her in the purchase of a sweepstakes ticket.

Intrigued with the idea, David agrees, but on one condition: that Jean shall accompany him on a platonic honeymoon before she weds Freddie. Freddie, it seems, believes the nuptial journey is a waste of time and money, whereas David considers the event essential. This honeymoon, David assures Jean, will be strictly make-believe; they'll travel like brother and sister.

John consents, dubiously. However, they draw a horse, and Freddie secretly sells the ticket, which yields \$6,000. They leave for Niagara Falls on the first leg of their trip, hotly pursued by Freddie who has come to the conclusion that he doesn't trust David after all.

How David and Jean fall in love with one another without daring to reveal it, the complications caused by Freddie's arrival, and David's solution of the problem by running off and starting back to New York, only to be arrested on a charge of car theft, all lead up to the hilarious climax of the picture. A trial scene during which David's real identity and the secret of his odd behavior is revealed, and the satisfactory conclusion of the hectic romance, are featured in this fast-moving ending.

As the erratic and gallant David, Colman has his best screen role in years. Ginger's interpretation of Jean is delightful. Jack Carson has his best opportunity to date as the self-satisfied Freddie, while Spring Byington as the heroine's aunt, Harry Davenport as a judge and Celia Loftus and Brandon Tynan as an elderly married couple, enact the principal supporting roles.

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### BLAIR ITEMS

There will be preaching services at the Methodist church Sunday, Nov. 24. Every one is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jackson and children have returned home after attending the funeral rites for their brother-in-law, W. H. Wynn, of Post.

John Apgar of Eldorado was the house guest the past week of his niece, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Melton, and family.

Miss Sophia Howard of Abilene was a recent visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell.

John Meeks and Bob Malone have been doing jury service at Abilene this week.

Howard Windham and J. L. Meek made a pleasure trip to Mineral Wells the middle of the week.

Mrs. Charlie Orr of the Divide spent the week-end with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Doan and Mrs. Otis Moore spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams of Merkel.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Mrs. Shorty Swafford and Mrs. R. B. Horton and two daughters, Jimmie Nell and Sonja Sue, made a business trip to Abilene Friday.

Miss Gwendolyn Sandusky spent the week-end with Miss Lu Jane Land of Merkel.

Mrs. Oscar McLean and daughter, Vernell, have returned home after several days visit with her parents at Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and Mrs.

R. B. Horton and children motored to Tye and spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Moore and family.

Ross Campbell of Merkel was seen in our midst Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer of Merkel visited friends here Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. L. V. Smith of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Delton Jones and children of Trent visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell Sunday.

#### Foster is Chosen For Hall of Fame

New York, Nov. 20.—Stephen Foster joined the immortals in New York university's hall of fame Friday, just 76 years after he died penniless in a Bowery rooming house.

Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, chancellor of the university, announced that the composer was the only one of a number of candidates to receive the necessary three-fifths vote of the hall's college of electors in the ninth quinquennial election.

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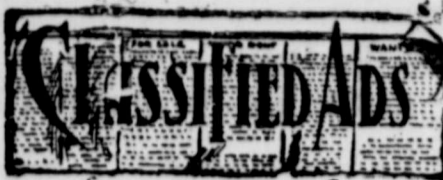


SHOCKS of grain in a moonlit field... Pumpkins... Turkey... Fruit. Those are the symbols of Thanksgiving, handed down by our ancestors. Today, though, we can be thankful for much besides a bountiful harvest... thankful for the American way of living that has grown out of private initiative and enterprise... thankful for the Freedom which has been inherited from those ancestors through reverence for the Constitution.

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**STRAYED**—From J. W. Mayfield place, white face steer, pale red, pasted number 952; weighs about 400 pounds. Notify J. D. Sandusky, Route 4, Merkel, Texas.

**Postoffice Clerks of 17th District Meet**

United Association of Postoffice Clerks for the 17th district met Saturday night for a dinner and business meeting at the Hilton hotel, Abilene, with approximately 40 attending. Clark Mundy, of Merkel, president of the association, was in charge. Don Marshall, Abilene, is secretary. Joe Witten of Cisco spoke on "Clerks of Third Class Offices;" Burl Lassiter of Abilene, on "Group Insurance;" David Guinn, on "Substitute Clerks," and Mr. Knudson of Hamilton on "Extra-Curricular Duties of Clerks."

Merkel, Hamilton, Breckenridge, Anson, Cisco and Abilene were represented at the meeting.

Next session will be Feb. 8 at Hamilton.

**Former Merkelite Visits Parents Here**

Last Thursday Grisham Dowell, who for the past six months has been employed by the Pacific Greyhound Bus lines as operator, driving out of Douglas, Ariz., came home to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dowell, and a number of friends.

Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Dowell, he went to Dallas Friday on business matters, returning here Sunday afternoon, and Tuesday morning he left for Douglas to resume his duties with the Greyhound company.

**Girl Scouts Planning Cake Walk on Nov. 25**

The Sequoia troop of the Merkel Girl Scouts are planning a cake walk at the High School gym on Nov. 25. The Badger band will play and each of the Girl Scouts is going to bring a cake.

They also plan to sell pencils and during the evening a turkey will be given away.

Everyone is invited to come and have a good time.

**Texas Publisher Honored.**

Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 20.—A nation-wide tribute to G. B. Dealey, chairman of the board of the Dallas Morning News, was paid Sunday in his election as national honorary president of Sigma Delta Chi, journalism fraternity.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

**Aggies Establish New Record in Conference**

College Station, Nov. 20.—When the Texas Aggies racked up their nineteenth victory in a row by defeating the Rice Owls here Saturday, 25-0, they set a new all-time record for consecutive wins in the Southwest conference. In their present string they have been undefeated and untied while the record of eighteen games without defeat they broke was held jointly by the University of Texas and themselves, but both records were marred by one scoreless tie.

Strange to relate, it was the Aggies who tied Texas in 1921 for the only technical blot on their record of 18 straight. The mar on the Aggie record was a 0-0 game with L. S. U. in 1920 in their run of 18 games without defeat. As is to be expected, Texas broke the Aggie string by defeating them in Austin, 7-3 in 1920.

The next best consecutive run was made by T. C. U. in the period from 1931 into 1933. Their string began with a victory over Baylor late in 1931 and ended with a 13-0 defeat by Arkansas in 1933. However, S. M. U. played them a 0-0 game in 1931.

The present Aggie record string began with their opening game of the 1939 season against Oklahoma A&M and has continued through the 10 games of the regular schedule, plus the Sugar Bowl win over Tulane, and on down through the eight games played this year. The last game they lost was to Texas in Austin by a 7-6 score on Thanksgiving day, 1938.

**CARK OF THANKS.**

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to those who were so kind and helpful during the sickness and death of our dearly loved wife, daughter and sister.

James M. Baker.  
Lee Russell and Family.

Fire Sale at Patterson's Grocery Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Office supplies—Mail office.

**Date Changed for Annual Oil Meeting**

Abilene, Nov. 20.—The 1940 annual meeting of the West-Central Texas Oil and Gas association will be held in this city Dec. 2.

Change of the time for this session, from the date, originally announced, was made necessary, Joe A. Clarke, Albany, president of the organization announced, because of a conflict with another program which could not be eliminated.

Feature of the day will be a banquet and entertainment program at Fair Park Supper club at 6:30 p. m. This function will be open to both men and women, and officials of the association assert it will be an outstanding affair. An address by a speaker of national prominence will highlight this session.

In the afternoon "Open Forum" at a downtown hotel, several problems of direct and immediate concern to those in or affected by the operations of the oil industry will be discussed by specialists on those subjects, President Joe A. Clarke said.

Since the West-Central Texas Oil and Gas association led off last week in the movement for a new oil and gas commission — which effort has now been joined by four other regional organizations of the industry — it is expected that the forthcoming session will hear a great amount of talk on the merits of that proposal.

A general invitation to all the people of the 19-county area included in the West-Central Texas district, to attend the different events of the December 2 meeting, has been issued by Clarke.

Advance registrations for the evening program and dinner can be made now through the Abilene office of the association, Clarke revealed. He urged that all who plan to attend to get their tickets as early as possible so the local arrangements committees could better plan for caring for the crowd, which is expected to be in excess of 700 people.

Special Thanksgiving Dinner at Ed's Cafe.

**AAA Committeemen to Be Elected Dec. 13-14**

College Station, Nov. 20.—Practicing the democracy they believe in, farmers and ranchmen all over Texas will gather in community meetings Dec. 13 or 14 to elect the men to administer the AAA program locally during the coming year.

At each of these meetings of AAA co-operators, three men will be elected to serve as community committeemen during the coming year. At the same time, delegates will be selected to attend a county convention to be held the following day.

Delegates to the county conventions will elect three committeemen to administer the program in the county. In addition, two alternate committeemen will be elected.

"The committee set-up is the most important phase of the program," George Slaughter, chairman of the state AAA committee declared. "These men are chosen because of their administrative abilities, and on them depends the success or failure of the farm program in their counties."

Farmer-control of the program is an actuality, not just an idea, the chairman continued. He cited the cotton marketing quota referendum to be held Dec. 7 as one example of the "economic democracy" practiced by farmers and the committee elections are another example.

All members of the county Agricultural Conservation associations, composed of all producers co-operating with the AAA, are eligible to participate in the committee elections, Slaughter said. He urged producers

to remember that the committeemen would administer a program which is of vital concern to all of them, and that, therefore, great care should be taken in getting the best men available for the positions.

**Blood Donor Dies.**

New York, Nov. 20.—William Bocca, 37-year-old truck driver who gave blood 106 times in four years to his three sons, failed to respond to five transfusions given him and died Monday in a hospital.

**Stamps Quartet Will Attend Noodle Singing**

Presence of the Stamps quartet from Montgomery, Ala., will be a specially entertaining feature of the singing at Noodle Sunday night, starting at 7 o'clock.

W. J. Bicknell, president of the Sunday night singing, in making announcement of the visitors, extended an invitation to every one to come out and hear this well known quartet.

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ORANGES ... Doz. 15c

SUPREME Salad Wafers ... Lb. 17c  
RED & WHITE Pineapple ... 3 cans 25c

RED & WHITE Pumpkin ... No. 2 can 10c  
RED & WHITE Pears ... No. 2 1/2 can 19c

CRANBERRY Sauce ... Per can 15c  
RED & WHITE Mince Meat ... 3 pkgs. 25c

RED & WHITE Catsup ... 14-oz. bottle 17c  
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MOIST Cocoanut ... Per can 10c  
POWDERED or BROWN SUGAR ... 2 pkgs. 17c

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SCOTT Towels ... 2 rolls 25c

RED & WHITE Marshmallows 1-lb. bag 15c  
PURE CANE Sugar .. 10-lb. cloth bag 49c

PAPER Napkins ... Pkg. 9c  
200's Kleenex ... 2 pkgs. 25c

KUNER'S Beets ... No. 2 can 15c  
RED & WHITE Peas ... No. 2 can 18c

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**GREETINGS**

As Thanksgiving nears, once again we turn to old friends and to newly made ones . . . to thank them. We are grateful for their praise along the way . . . for their boosts in our behalf . . . and for their earnest and helpful criticism. For in building an institution like ours, so intimately a part of the glowing west, it becomes a happy privilege to serve . . . to "live and let live". We are grateful for this rugged west where freedom is deeply cherished.

John Stowell  
MANAGER



**WORTH HOTEL**  
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**FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.**

Presenting a delightful program on "Folk Dancing as a Means of Expression." The Fortnightly Study club met Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 19, in the Grammar School auditorium with Mrs. Comer Haynes as hostess and Misses Vinnie Heizer and Mildred Holt, program leaders.

Eleven grade school children in costumes of various nations were seated on the stage and gave an interpretation of the best known folk dances of Denmark, Sweden, Scotland, Ireland, Hungary and Mexico, as well as some of our own country dances. Miss Heizer introduced this attractive group and gave a short summary of folk dancing, as a physical and emotional outlet to the child's expression, stressing the racial joyousness found in their usage.

"The Dance of Greeting" (Danish Dance), "I See You" (Swedish Dance), "The Highland Fling" (Scotch), "The Ace of Diamonds" (Danish), "The Bleking" (Swedish), "The Hungarian Dance," "The Irish Jig," "The Clop Dance" (Swedish), "Tantoli" (Swedish), "The Spanish Dance," "The Minuet," "Put Your Little Foot, Heel and Toe," and "Schottische" (American), were the folk dances given most artistically by these children: Ann Walker, Patsy Swann, Sandra Sadler, Marilyn Petty, Mary Ruth Hutcheson, Barbara McCoy, Loveta Coffman, Bobby Gilbert, Bobby Tom Hodge, Billy Reid and Leland Mundy. Miss Holt played all accompaniments.

Mrs. Johnny Cox presided for the business meeting which followed the program. Members answered the roll call with "News From the Nations." The club voted to assist local Red Cross chairmen in the annual membership drive Wednesday, Nov. 27.

Program guests were Mesdames Frank Hamm, Sam Swann, H. C. Reid, Grover Gilbert, Norman Hodge, Ralph Walker, E. M. McDonald, Clark Mundy; Misses Mildred Hamm and Willie Bell Virden.

Members present were Misses Mamie Ellis, Vinnie Heizer, Mildred Holt, Johnny Sears; Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, Johnny Cox, S. D. Gamble, Len Sublett, John Leonard, Stanley King, H. C. West, Elma McFarland, W. T. Sadler, Harry Bullock, Owen Robertson, Elsie Nash, W. B. Petty, Comer Haynes and Connor Robinson.

**ALL-DAY LUNCHEON.**

The lovely new country home of Mrs. Will Toombs was opened Wednesday of last week to members of the Gleaners Sunday School class for an all-day luncheon with Mrs. Leon Toombs, Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Roy Baccus as co-hostesses. The rooms were decorated with lovely yellow, bronze and orchid chrysanthemums.

The morning was spent in hand work, and at the noon hour a sumptuous turkey menu with all accessories to make a delicious luncheon was served, carrying out a Thanksgiving scheme. Baskets of nuts served as place cards for guests at four-seater tables.

Games of "42" were enjoyed until the devotional hour. Mrs. Roy Baccus gave the devotional, followed by prayer by Mrs. John H. Crow. Each one was asked to enumerate the many things she was thankful for.

Delicious pie and coffee were served to the following members: Mesdames Clyde Sears, John Crow, Herbert Patterson, S. M. Hunter, Ross Ferrier, Eli Case, F. Y. Gaither, Johnny Cox, T. L. Grimes, Robert Hicks, F. E. Church, Lizzie Latham, George White, M. E. Hicks, O. R. Harwell, W. S. J. Brown, Tom Largent, Lee Tipton, Kenneth Pee, Denzel Cox, Duncan Briggs, John Shannon; Misses Ona Johnson, Lottie Butman, Mabel McRee, Pauline Johnson and the hostesses.

**DINNER PARTY.**

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson extended gracious hospitality on Tuesday evening of last week, entertaining a few friends at dinner. Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Adams were here from Sweetwater, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Comegys, who have recently removed from California to Abilene to make their home. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patterson.

**COMRADES CLASS PARTY.**

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Orsborn entertained the Comrades Sunday School class Monday evening in the Methodist church parlors. Clever hand-painted game accessories, done in the Thanksgiving motif, appointed tables for various parlor games and at the refreshment hour the favored orange color predominated in chicken salad sandwiches, open faced date-nut sandwiches, bread and butter pickles and hot spiced tea.

Those present for the delightful party were Messrs. and Mesdames Raymond Ferguson, Johnny Cox, Pinky Cypert, Gordon Green, Ray Wilson, Luther Orsborn, Andy Shouse, Vernon-Hudson, Elmo Collins, Homer Newby; Misses Christine Collins and Sue Pinckley, C. J. Glover and Elvis Green.

**PACKAGE.**

Members of the Sunday School Union of the First Baptist church were entertained Tuesday evening of last week with a "package" party in the basement of the church.

Games of hot packages, package relay, human package, a package of peas, package in the ring and a pack of fun were played.

Refreshments of a small package of sandwiches, cookies and an apple were passed to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugat, sponsors, and the following members: Nadine Clack, Clara B. White, Thelma Mathews, Lucille Crick, Vivian Davis, John Mack Grant, Douglas McCoy, Joseph Winter and Cecil Turner.

**Hospital Notes.**

Mrs. Nell Groene entered Sadler Clinic on Friday, Nov. 15, for minor surgery.

H. B. Stallo, Route 3, underwent an appendectomy Saturday.

A light switch at the doorway of every room makes it possible to avoid encounters in the dark with large, heavy furniture.

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**UNION RIDGE CLUB.**

Mrs. W. C. Lee was hostess to the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club last Friday with a delicious covered dish luncheon. Immediately following lunch Miss Hattie Tacker gave some practical hints on Christmas gifts and economical ways to make them.

After the demonstration, members visited several homes and saw improvements made during the past year. Having refinished her home throughout, Mrs. Leo Harris has papered and painted, hung new curtains, and built utility cabinets. Bedroom curtains and floor coverings were the main attraction in the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark.

Mrs. M. L. Douglas has improved her yard by setting out grass and shrubs. The pantries of Mrs. S. O. Patton and Mrs. O. R. Douglas were admired by the group.

Those enjoying the day were Misses Hattie Tacker, Mabel McRee and Chambers, and Mesdames O. R. Douglas, Kenneth Pee, Lee Tipton, Denzel Cox, J. H. Clark, O. E. Harwell, Weldon McAninch and the hostesses.

**Last Rites Held for Mrs. S. R. Webster, 71**

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Mrs. Mary Eliza Webster, at the family residence. She died Nov. 14 at 7:15 p. m. at the age of 71 years. Rev. G. O. Crow, pastor of the Nazarene church, officiated.

Mrs. Webster had been in ill health for over five years, but her condition did not become critical until a week before her death. She was buried at Rose Hill, beside her husband, S. R. Webster, who died Feb. 27, 1939. Mrs. Webster will be remembered as a devoted Christian mother and a friend to all who knew her. She had been a member of the Methodist church for over forty years. The family moved here from Putnam in 1930.

Surviving are seven children who were all at her bedside when death came, eight grandchildren and five sisters. Her children are Mrs. Jennie Halsey, Merkel; Mrs. Bessie Dunlap and Mrs. Florence Wink of Jal, N. M.; Sam Webster, Stanton; Will, Charlie and Elizabeth Webster of Merkel.

Pallbearers were Otto Wink, J. P. and Willie Halsey, grandsons; Dick Webster and A. J. Gross, nephews, and Charles Barbee.

Those who came from out of town were her sister, Mrs. J. C. Webster and daughter, Lida, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Webster and daughter, Margaret, of Terrell; A. J. Gross of Rosebud; Otto Wink of Levelland and Mrs. Lula Wink of Cisco.

**Three Merkel Students On ACC Honor Roll**

Abilene, Nov. 20.—List of Abilene Christian college students making the mid-semester honor roll was posted this week in the Hardin Memorial building bulletin board by Mrs. Clara Bishop, college registrar.

With each student's name were listed the various subjects each ranked "A" in during the first nine weeks of school. To make this honor rating in a subject, the student must average 92 per cent or better on all work.

Merkel students receiving this high scholastic rating were: Mary Love Tipton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tipton, in one course; Billy Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Wood, in one course, and Don Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Wood, in two courses.

**NEWMAN NEWS**

Brother R. T. Barton of Abilene preached at the Baptist church Sunday; his message was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Eldon Reeves and son spent last week in the home of Mrs. Fannie Reeves.

Visitors in the Reeves home Saturday night and Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jones and Helen, Eldon Reeves of Merkel, Othell W. Reeves of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dickerson and son.

Archie Boyd of Abilene visited his mother, Mrs. Boyd, Saturday night and Sunday.

Brother R. T. Barton and wife of Abilene, Alice Boen and sons, Orville, Richard and Jerry Crockett visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mackel of Sweetwater spent Sunday in the Boyd home.

We had a good report from our box and pie supper last Thursday night.

Adding machine rolls 15c or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For sale at the Merkel Mail.

**LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS**

Announcement is carried in the advertising columns of The Mail this week that Lee-Bailey Drug will reopen for business Saturday, Nov. 23. Plans are being made, however, for a formal opening at a later date.

Another Merkel sportsman off with the opening of the deer season last Saturday was Homer Patterson, who was joined by Lee Adams of Sweetwater, and together with a brother of Mr. Adams and others form a party in camp in the area southwest of Junction.

A visitor in the home of Mrs. J. M. Williamson Monday night, also a caller at The Mail office, was Samuel A. King, of San Diego, Calif., formerly connected with the San Diego Sun. He was on his way to Fort Worth to join the staff of the Star-Telegram. Mr. King is a cousin of Mrs. Williamson.

Three Merkel boys, Jack Smith, Billy Dunagin and Ural Kingsberry, entered training Monday with Co. G, 112th cavalry, National Guards, who will remain at Abilene about 10 days and later will be stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso.

**Funeral Services Held For Mrs. C. E. Jacobs**

Funeral services were held last Thursday afternoon from the Church of Christ for Mrs. C. E. Jacobs, 72, with the minister, Lee Starnes, officiating.

Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery by the grave of her husband, who preceded her in death one month and five days. Barrow-Sheppard funeral home was in charge.

Pallbearers were Tom Coats, E. B. Barnes, Willie B. Toombs, Clark Mundy, W. C. Black and George Woodrum.

Flower girls were Mrs. Willie B. Toombs, Mrs. B. M. Ueckert, Doris Gilmore and Oneta Gauden, granddaughters, and Louise Richie and Leola Reidenbach.

Surviving are four children, three step-children, 23 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and two sisters.

**Age Limit in Navy Is Lowered to 17**

The navy, because of its current expansion program, has lowered age limit to 17, it was announced Tuesday by C. L. Wylie, recruiting officer in charge of the station in the Abilene postoffice building.

Many vacancies have been created in the navy ranks, he said, and the age limit was lowered to meet the demand of expanding fleets and schools.

Youths between 17 and 18 may, with parental consent, enlist and serve until 21. Applications must be made in person at the navy recruiting station in Abilene.

It is necessary for applicants to furnish authentic proof of the date and place of birth. Young men who meet the physical, mental and moral requirements are enlisted as soon as the necessary papers are completed and transferred to the naval training station, San Diego, Calif.

**In The Churches**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**  
There were 522 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 572 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 570.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union 6:15. Evening sermon at 7:15.  
Teachers' and officers' meeting and prayer meeting 7:15 Wednesday evening.  
Cooper Waters, Pastor.

**BAPTIST W. M. U.**  
The Baptist W. M. U. will meet in Circles on Monday, Nov. 25, at 2:30 p. m., as follows:  
The Blanche Rose Walker circle will meet with Mrs. Sam Swann.  
The Maybelle Taylor will meet with Mrs. A. R. Booth.  
The Elkin Lockett will meet with Mrs. Oda Clark.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**  
The new pastor, Rev. Marvin Boyd, will be here next Sunday to fill the pulpit. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. and all regular services as usual.  
Johnny Cox, Supt.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. is the only service at our church. Everyone is urged to attend regularly.  
W. M. Elliott, Clerk of Session.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**  
Sunday services: Bible classes 9:45, preaching at 10:45, young people's meeting at 6:15. Preaching at 7 p. m. Wednesday evening Bible study at 7 o'clock.  
You are invited to attend.  
Lee Starnes, Minister.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**  
Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. NYPS at 6:30 Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.  
Everyone is cordially invited to these services.  
G. O. Crow, Pastor.

**FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
Preaching Saturday night at 7 o'clock. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 p. m.  
M. C. Miller, Pastor.

**GREGORY-WAGNER.**  
On Friday, Nov. 1, Robert Gregory and Miss Constance Wagoner were united in marriage with Rev. R. U. Rister performing the ceremony at the Griffin home.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Wagoner of Abilene. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gregory of Merkel. Present for the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Perry Gouge and R. L. Griffin.

Fire Sale at Patterson's Grocery Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Special Thanksgiving Dinner at Ed's Cafe.

**W. H. Pence Stricken, Continues Seriously Ill**

The many friends of W. H. Pence will regret to learn of his serious illness. Paralyzed on his left side, he has been confined to his bed since Nov. 9.

Visiting their father at intervals during the past two weeks have been his sons: Singular Pence of Snyder, Dewey Pence of Corpus Christi, Luther Pence of Sweetwater, and Tom Pence of Monahans.

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**BEETS 2 bunches 5c**  
**Carrots 3 bunches 10c**  
**Celery stalk 10c**

Rutabaga  
**Turnips Lb. 3c**

Colorado No. 1 White  
**SPUDS 10 lbs. 19c**

**Macaroni 3 pkgs. 10c**  
Powdered or Brown  
**SUGAR Pkg. 8c**

Maxwell House  
**Coffee 3 lbs. 71c**

Any Flavor  
**JELLO PKG. 5c**

No. 2 1/2 Cans  
**Peaches Per can. 15c**  
**Cranberry SAUCE Lb. can 15c**

Pure Cane — Kraft Bag  
**Sugar 10 lbs. 46c**

**Shortening 8 lb. 69c**

Pure Ribbon Cane  
**SYRUP GAL. 50c**

1 1/2-lb. Packages  
**Table Salt 3 for 10c**  
**Crackers 2 lbs. 15c**  
2-lb. Quart Jar  
**Peanut Butter 19c**

Brisket Beef  
**Beef Roast Lb. 15c**

Choice Chuck  
**STEAK Lb 20c**  
Loin  
**STEAK Lb 28c**

Sliced Breakfast  
**BACON Lb. 25c**

**OLEO Lb. 10c**  
Kraft's Elkhorn  
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