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METHODIST BODY DISCUSSES FOUR MAJOR PROBLEMS

Spiritual Awakening, Union of Methodism, Temperance and Warless World Are Objectives of Conference.

(By E. L. Yeats.)

The Ecumenical conference is, in a degree, the clearing house of world Methodism. Once each ten years all the churches that grew out of the Wesley movement come together, with the idea of discussing their problems, reviewing their faith, noting the changes in world conditions and planning for the future.

The Methodist churches of the world are:

EASTERN SECTION.

Wesleyan Methodist church.
Primitive Methodist church.
United Methodist church.
Methodist church in Ireland.
Wesley Reform Union.
Independent Methodist church.
French Methodist church.
Italian Methodist church.
South African Methodist church.
Australian Methodist church.
New Zealand Methodist church.

WESTERN SECTION.

Methodist Episcopal church.
Methodist Episcopal church, South.
United Church of Canada.
Methodist Protestant church.
Free Methodist church.
African Methodist Episcopal church.
African Methodist Episcopal Zion church.
Colored Methodist Episcopal church.
Japan Methodist church.
Methodist Church of Korea.
Methodist Church of Mexico.
Methodist Church of Brazil.

FOUR MAJOR PROBLEMS.

In the Ecumenical conference just closed the mind of the conference seemed to gather around four major problems:

1. A spiritual awakening. Already, according to reports, a new spiritual life, as was seen in the days of Christ and renewed in the days of Wesley, now prevails throughout the Methodist churches and emphasis was placed on "Spirituality" in the coming decade.

2. Union of Methodism. It is hoped that before the next Ecumenical conference convenes there will be only one Methodist on each continent, except where race expediency would prevent.

3. Temperance. Both the delegates from England and Canada said that if the 18th amendment was a "failure" in America they longed for a similar "failure" in their country. These churchmen described intemperance vastly worse in their country than here, and applauded the good that (Continued on Page Five.)

Blind Helps Blind Across Busy Street; Both Are Surprised

Berkeley, Cal., Oct. 29.—Mrs. Margaret Wilson, blind since birth, was standing at one of the busiest corners here, waiting for some one to help her across.

A man stepped up and asked: "May I go across with you?" "I'd be very glad if you would," replied Mrs. Wilson.

On the other side of the street the man thanked Mrs. Wilson and she was surprised.

"Why, I want to thank you," she said.

"You know," the man continued, "when one has been blind as many years as I have it is a mighty big favor to have some one help him across the street."

World Famous Artists On Festival Program

Abilene, October 29.—Preparations for the most momentous event in the history of West Texas have been completed. Everything is in readiness for the Fall Music Festival, being held in Abilene November 2-4-6. West Texans are eagerly and anxiously waiting to see and hear the three world famous artists, who are to visit this section of the country for the first time.

Mme. Clairbert, the beautiful opera star, with Carl Achatz the flutist, will open the Festival week with a concert which large cities on the eastern coast have found sensational. Mme. Clairbert's voice is one of the greatest, according to authoritative critics, since Tetrazzini. Her assisting artists, the Swedish flutist—an artist of renown in all large European cities—and Francis de Bourguignon, pianist for Melba fifteen years, will contribute much to the program.

Wednesday, November 4, brings Doris Kenyon, the popular screen star who will appear with the "Aristocrat of the Violin," San-Malo. Kenyon gives song interpretations in costumes, having a wardrobe valued at \$20,000. Mary Garden, the world's most vital woman and front page news for twenty years, whose every eccentricity thousands of newspapers have recorded, will close the concert. Everything is ready for a most exciting and enjoyable week.

Mrs. Bourn Some Better.

Mrs. J. S. Bourn, whose condition the latter part of last week was considered serious, is reported some better, but she still remains at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bourn, who was dead at birth, was interred Friday afternoon at Rose Hill cemetery. The parents have the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends in their sorrow.



MUSICAL PROGRAM OF UNUSUAL MERIT

Public Invited to Hear Excellent Sacred Concert By San Angelo Choir at Presbyterian Church.

The Harris Ave. Presbyterian Church choir of San Angelo will be guests of the Grace Presbyterian church of Merkel Sunday evening for a musical program of unusual merit. The choir is composed of a membership of eighteen mixed voices and the character of the numbers to be used excels anything ever attempted in Merkel.

The public is cordially invited to hear the following program at 7:15 Sunday evening:

Prelude: "Romance in G," (Julian Pascal).

Choir: "The Lord is in His Holy Temple."

Invocation: Choir response—Single Amen.

Hymn.

Remarks, Rev. Fred S. Rogers.

Choir, "Fading, Still Fading," (Shelley), Beatrice Paul, soloist.

Trio, "Lift Thine Eyes," (Mendelssohn), Ruth Jeffers Tester, Beatrice Paul, Helen Maddux Crocker.

Choir—"Oh That I had Wings" (Williams), Lucille Skinner, soloist.

Quartet—"Hear Our Prayer" (Teasdale), Helen Maddux Crocker, Beatrice Paul, Searcy Smith, Wilfred Taylor.

Announcements.

Offertory: J. Y. Pense, (Meyer-Helmond).

Choir—"Lovely Appear," (Gounod), Lucille Skinner, Beatrice Paul, soloists.

Solo—"Hear Thou My Prayer," (Hamblin), Helen Maddux Crocker, contralto.

Choir—"Hear us, O Saviour," (Gounod).

Duet—"Consider the Lilies," (Toselli), Helen Maddux Crocker, Beatrice Paul.

Choir—"Break forth into Joy," (Simper), Kathryn Jones, soloist.

Benediction.

Choir response: Four Fold Amen.

Postlude—(Stearns).

Helen Maddux Crocker—director.

Terah Petty Leonard—accompanist.

Tax Assessments of County \$9,984 Higher

Boost in state and county tax rates accounts for an increase this year in Taylor county tax assessments, revealed in the tax roll completed by J. T. Howard, county assessor.

Assessments based on valuations of \$24,220,355 are \$484,448.44. The figure is \$9,984.82 greater than that for last year, on valuations of \$24,691,980. The 1930 assessment was \$474,454.02.

The county tax rate this year is \$1 and the state ad valorem tax rate is 74 cents. Last year the rates were 97 and 69 cents, respectively.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wheeler, residing near Noodle, Friday, October 23, 1931.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Decker, Sunday, October 25, 1931.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Parker, residing three miles southeast of town, Wednesday, October 28, 1931.

W. W. Haynes Next Toastmaster.

W. W. Haynes, as toastmaster for the next Lions club luncheon, will be assisted by Supt. R. A. Burgess. The meeting will be next Tuesday, the first Tuesday in November.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Oil operators in the East Texas field reported an aggregate production Tuesday of 433,670 barrels from 2,627 wells.

Three generations of the bridegroom's family attended the wedding of Mrs. J. E. O'Neal, 72, to J. A. Syfrett, 81, at Cottonwood Tuesday.

The season's first carload of green beans was shipped out of the lower Rio Grande valley Monday, opening the fall vegetable shipping period.

Andrew Tullis, 84, pioneer Indian fighter, died at his home in Beeville Sunday. His last Indian fight took place in the western part of Live Oak county in 1872.

The Galvez Hotel has been purchased from the Baker interests by a group of local Galveston business men, who have announced that they will form a corporation to operate it.

Too ill to stand trial at this time, A. E. Pool, former Abilene banker, was granted a change of venue in one of two cases against him and will go to trial Nov. 23 in Callahan county.

Port Houston exported 12,311,963 pounds of cotton seed cake in September, which was twice as much as in September, 1930, and was 5,000,000 pounds more than in September, 1929.

Odelle Nevills, an Abilene High senior, was named president of the Texas division, Future Farmers of America, at the annual meeting of delegates at the State Fair of Texas Saturday.

Nolan Butt, Jr., 7-year-old son of a nightwatchman at San Angelo was killed when a shotgun in the hands of a companion was accidentally discharged while the children were playing "robber."

Volunteer petition in bankruptcy was filed Wednesday in federal district court at Abilene by Robert L. Penick, outstanding West Texas builder, merchant and civic leader for more than 40 years.

The appraisal of the will of Will C. Hogg of Houston, son of the late Gov. James S. Hogg, filed Thursday, disclosed he left \$2,618,568 of a \$3,222,670 estate for the education of Texas boys and girls.

Forty-nine automobiles, confiscated within recent months in prohibition cases, the largest number ever to be offered for sale in the Dallas division, will go under the auctioneer's hammer Thursday morning at Dallas.

Charles Rice was sentenced in district court at Brady Wednesday to seven years imprisonment on conviction on a charge of robbery with firearms in connection with the Lohn State bank robbery in January, 1930.

An election on the Sunday movie question in Abilene has been set for Tuesday, January 12, by the city commission, the election having been proposed by the Ministerial council, and an election fund was started with a \$5 contribution from the city officials.

John L. Lancaster, Dallas, president of the Texas & Pacific railroad, and other officials of the road will be honored at a banquet in Fort Worth November 2 as one of the features of the ceremonies incident to the completion of the \$8,000,000 construction program by the company in that city.

Cy Leland, Texas Christian University's most noted athlete, has again enrolled in T. C. U. and will complete the work for his degree in journalism, but because of his absence of a semester he will not be eligible for athletics. He has joined the staff of radio station WBAP as sports announcer.

Texas Folk Enriched; Oil Well Shows on Gregg County Land

El Paso, Oct. 29.—Mrs. L. R. Hearne was supervising cotton picking on a small farm near here Friday morning when a messenger gave her a telegram.

Her husband was at work in a gin.

The telegram informed them an oil well producing 100 barrels an hour through a one-inch choke had been brought in on their farm in Gregg county near Longview.

"We're wild with joy, of course," Mrs. Hearne said. "We left that farm seven years ago and rented this one to raise cotton. With the price of cotton what it is, we wouldn't have made a living this year."

Then she went back to supervising the pickers.

HEAVIER TIGERS SUBDUE MERKEL BY 20-0 SCORE

Gray and Foster Make Counters For Visitors; Badgers Take to Air for Gains After Finding Tiger Line Invincible.

(By J. T. Darsey, Jr.)

The Merkel Badgers lost their second conference game of the season here Tuesday afternoon when the Anson Tigers invaded the Badgers den and walked away with the large end of a 20-0 score. Gray, Tiger quarterback, was responsible for two of the touchdowns, and Foster, big fullback, added the other.

The Merkel lads were considerably outweighed, conservative estimates being that the Jones county boys were about 20 pounds heavier to the man. The Merkel forward wall could not hold the Anson boys, and the heavier Tiger line held the Merkel backs well.

Moore, Merkel right tackle, was the only casualty of the game, when he broke his right collar-bone early in the first quarter. This was his first game, and he will be lost to the team the rest of this season.

After seeing that it was impossible to gain through the Anson line, the Badgers took to the air, and made several good gains there. Most of the Merkel passes were of the Boaz to Derrick combination. Wilson, Merkel quarter, averaged about 40 yards on his punts, about the same as the Anson punter.

STRAIGHT FOOTBALL WINS.

Anson made all three of her scores on straight football, Gray pushing through the line early in the second quarter from the 18-yard line for the first counter. Foster, on a sweeping end run behind faultless blocking, made the second touchdown from the 10-yard stripe in the third. Gray came back in the last period, and bucked over from the three-yard line after the Tigers had marched from their own 35-yard line after covering a blocked punt. Gray converted after the last two tallies, to bring the total points to 20. Derrick intercepted a Tiger pass and returned 45 yards to Anson's 30-yard line as the game ended. Derrick, Cade and Boaz were the stars in the Merkel backfield while Gray, Foster and White did the most on Anson's team to advance their team to victory. Williams, Collins and Gamble (Continued on Page Five.)

Taylor County Heads To State Convention

County Judge Tom K. Eplen, members of his commissioners court, and County Auditor L. R. Thompson planned to be in El Paso Thursday for opening sessions of the convention of the County Judges and Commissioners association of Texas. The conclave will continue through Saturday.

Eplen and Commissioners G. B. Tittle, Phillip Diltz and Sid H. McAdams and Thompson left Abilene Wednesday on the Sunshine Special. Commissioner J. R. Trammell went by automobile, taking his family along.

Judge Eplen will address the convention Saturday morning on "The Tax Levy."

N. H. Hunt, Crystal City, county judge of Zavala county, is state president and W. L. Hilliard, Taft, commissioner of San Patricio county, secretary. Amarillo is after the 1932 convention and so far is unopposed.

Rainfall Nearly Seven Inches.

After the rainfall for last week was tabulated by The Mail for its issue of October 23, a heavy downpour set in again shortly after lunch Thursday and continued until late Thursday night, the total precipitation for the day running one and a quarter inches. This brought the total for October up to 6.92 inches.



NEEDED!

I left my family in France and started back across the ocean, alone. There was none of the thrill that usually comes with heading toward America, none of the joy of coming home.

For a couple of days I was depressed. Everything I cared for was behind me; I was sailing into silence.

Then one day the wireless spoke.

"Have arranged the following appointments for you," my partner wired. "Tuesday after your arrival, Baltimore. Wednesday, Pittsburgh; Thursday, Friday, Chicago. Best wishes. Please confirm."

Immediately came a feeling of relief and cheer. "I have work to go back to," I exclaimed, "Duties are waiting to keep me alert and a little worried and on my toes."

I was relating the incident to the chairman of the board of a large corporation.

"I know just how you felt," he said. "I've organized our company so well that I've almost organized myself out of a job. But every now and then a really big problem comes along, and the boys have to send for me. A hurry call came to my home from Chicago last Sunday, and I had to leave on an hour's notice. My wife thought it was a hardship, and of course I let her believe that we men lead terrible lives. But all the way out on the train my spirit was singing: 'Somebody wants me, I have work to do.'"

Joseph Medill was asked: "What is the greatest pleasure of your life?" "To feel that I am at play when I am at work," he answered.

The book of Genesis presents work as a curse inflicted on humanity for its sins. We know in these times of unemployment how faulty that conception is.

To wake up in the morning and wonder: "Where shall I go today? What shall I do?" That is the curse.

America's most important problem is not education, not the government regulation of business, not even prohibition. Our real task is to work out some economic system by which we can provide honest jobs for all the people all the time.

Every man and woman is entitled to the glorious self-respect which comes from being able to say:

"Thank God, I have a place. I am needed."

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, October 27, 1911.)

Jim Brown, who is attending the Methodist College at Stamford, returned to his studies Tuesday after visiting home folks for a few days.

Hear and see our solo orchestra, demon scenes and spectacular effects, Mary in the heavenly realms and many other scenes that go to make the greatest production of this grand old historic play. Eiler's "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" here next Tuesday under canvas.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Compton and little son, Delmer, left Friday for Dallas where they will visit friends and attend the Fair.

If you want the latest "dope" in ties, see J. F. Sharp's new line of bats and four-in-hands, this week.

Mrs. Claude Bigham spent Saturday and Sunday in Eskota, the guest of her mother, Mrs. F. E. Allen.

T. C. Casey was in town Saturday and boarded the train for Trent.

Frank Ferrier, John Boden and several others took advantage of the excursion to the Fair Saturday night.

H. C. Burroughs returned from

Dallas Sunday where he has been looking over the Fair and also purchasing a big line of holiday goods for his store.

L. H. King, Jim Black and Arthur Sears were Dallas visitors this week.

C. F. Stevens is in Dallas this week looking after the interest of one of his inventions which he said was a success.

SUPRISE PARTY.

Friday evening a crowd of young people met at the home of Mrs. Frank Hamm by previous arrangement. From there they went in a body to the home of Miss Mattie Paylor where they completely surprised her—

"as no little bird had told her company was coming." After spending a pleasant time in conversation the party went to the light plant to study (?) electric. The following young people were in the crowd: Misses Floy Gunn, Ezma Allday, Elma Sheppard, Ona and Virginia Hamblin, Isla McDonald, Grace Counts, Jessie Sutphen and Faye Lowery; Messrs. John Adcock, Ollie Sharp, Roscoe Sharp, Parker Sharp, Jesse Ferguson, Carl Evans, Rufford Evans, Raymond Touchstone, Forest Gaither, Easthel McDonald and Robert Hicks.

OVER HALF OF SENIOR CLASS ON HONOR ROLL

Due to the fact that Mrs. Len Sublett has been absent on account of the recent illness and death of her mother, there will be no honor roll published this six weeks for the 5th, 6th and 7th grades. When these cards are completed, the honor roll for these grades for the first six weeks period will be published.

To be on the honor roll, a pupil must be neither tardy nor absent, must make 90 or more in deportment, must not make below 75 per cent on any one subject and must make a general average of 90 or more for the six-weeks period. In the High School, there are fifty whose names appear on the honor roll. There were ten Freshmen, eleven Sophs, twelve Juniors and eighteen Seniors. Twenty-two per cent of the Freshmen made the honor roll, 24 per cent of the Sophs, 30 per cent of the Juniors and 56 per cent of the Seniors. More than one-half of the Seniors made this roll, and of the one hundred twenty-eight grades given to Seniors, only two were below 75 per cent—only two red marks on Senior cards. When the High school as a whole is considered, about thirty per cent made the honor roll.

The honor roll list follows:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

First Grade, Mrs. Teaff.

Wanda Dewett, 96; Billie Clyde Haynes, 96; Billy Tom Hutcheson, 96; Floyd Hutcheson, Jr., 96; L. Marie Bland, 95; Mickey Diltz, 93; Clara Bell Hawkins, 92; Bob Jenkins, 92.

First Grade, Mrs. Nash.

Vera Louise Miller, 95; Clarence Perry, 95; La Vaughn Vickers, 94; Cheatham McFarland, 93; Wesley Owen, 93; Billie Joe White, 93; Neely Wozencraft, 93; Willie London, 92; Aubrey Shouse, 92; Jerry Warren, 92; Minnie Alice Mayfield, 91.

Second Grade, Miss Pogue.

Doris Clyde Miller, 91; Roy Owen, 91; Homer Tye, 91; O. C. Shouse, 90.

Second Grade, Miss Curb.

Becky Gardner, 94; Maria Duran, 92; Dora Marie Gaiter, 91; Mary Lou Higgins, 90; Thelda Lou Lassiter, 90; Frances Marie Foster, 90; Alene Cox, 90; Mary Margaret Boden, 90.

Third Grade, Miss Heizer.

Euvalda Fox, 96; Billie Cox, 95; Don Lasater, 94; Ralph Eoff, 93; Guy Manscill, 93; Nell Marie Davis, 91; Berna Louise Johnston, 91.

Third Grade, Mrs. Anderson.

Burt Reeves, 93; Doris Gay West, 93; Mary Estella Williams, 93; Don Wood, 93; Geraldine Teague, 92; J. C. Thomas, 91; Billy Rose Scranton, 90.

Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes.

Mary Jo Russell, 96; Billie Wood, 96; W. I. Wozencraft, 95; Mary Nell Morgan, 94; Frances Owen, 94; Mary Love Tipton, 92; Robert Rodden, 91.

Fourth Grade, Miss Patterson.

Mabel Murray, 95; Patterson Buford, 94; Lois Carpenter, 94; W. G. Dickinson, 93; Yvonne Hassey, 93; Ann Louise Lepard, 92; Verne Moore, 91; Arlie Joe Brown, 91.

HIGH SCHOOL

Ross Ferrier and Waldeline Huskey lead the list with averages of 97 per cent each. Ross leads the Seniors, while Waldeline leads the Sophomore class. Billie Bernice Gambill, with an average of 93, leads the Freshmen and Lucille Campbell with an average of 96 leads the Juniors.

Eighth Grade.

Billie Bernice Gambill, 93; J. V. Patterson, 93; Jessie Margaret Berry, 92; Ima Ruth Brown, 92; Lena Faye Harrell, 92; Milton Hokit, 92; Lois Perkins, 92; A. C. Sears, 92; Louise Toombs, 92; Marizee West, 92.

Ninth Grade.

Waldeline Huskey, 97; Billy Gard-

ner, 95; Frances Adecock, 93; J. R. Higgins, 92; Vivian Lasater, 92; Annie Lee Owen, 92; Ruby Jenkins, 91; Duncan Briggs, 90; Mary Bell Douglas, 90; Rogene Dye, 90; Thomas Jones, 90.

Junior Class.

Lucille Campbell, 96; Florene Rider, 96; Opal Huskey, 95; Van Roberts, 95; Imogene Middleton, 93; James West, 93; Mildred Richardson, 93; Wardell Shouse, 92; Howard Stanley, 91; Ouida Mae Hulsey, 91; Margaret Miller, 91; Joyce Wheeler, 91.

Senior Class.

Ross Ferrier, 97; Lucille Patterson, 96; Margaret Canon, 96; Ruth Calloway, 95; Ola Ellen Smith, 94; Woodrow Wilson, 94; Helen Yeats, 94; Mary E. Grimes, 93; Cephas Wozencraft, 93; Marie Stanford, 92; Willie E. Boaz, 91; Avis Deavers, 91; Elmer Adecock, 90; B. P. Middleton, 90; Monta J. Moore, 90; Madeline Murray, 90; Marshall Stalls, 90; Paul Collins, 90.

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WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS

His Majesty, King George of England, recently acknowledged an airmail greeting sent by the president of the Wichita Falls chamber of commerce on the occasion of the installation of the first airmail route through that city.

Haskell county has had a decided increase in the number of livestock on farms.

Eighty-two students graduated from the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, at the close of the summer sessions.

Courtesy Week was observed recently in Denton, sponsored by the chamber of commerce.

Randolph College, Cisco, has a new president, Lee Clark, son of the farm for whom the institution was named, Randolph Clark.

Vacant lots in Sweetwater are being planted to vegetables for ornamental and useful purposes.

A church at Panhandle is operating a two hundred acre farm for the purpose of meeting the church indebtedness.

Wheeler merchants loaned their show windows recently for community fair exhibits.

Highway 9 from Lubbock to the Lynn county line south is being paved.

Three hundred and ninety-five bees have been canned in Runnels county this year.

Wool from Karahul sheep at Sonora has been sent to New Mexico Indian weavers of Navajo blankets for trial as substitute for mohair.

San Angelo is bidding for the pro-

posed thirty-five thousand dollar fish hatchery to be located in West Texas by the federal government.

One ranchman at San Angelo is feeding two thousand lambs principally on wheat.

Thirty-eight thousand cans have been used in home canning in Menard county this season.

State officials recently inspected the proposed route of the Davis Mountains highway near Fort Davis.

A fifteen thousand barrel oil refinery is under construction near McCamey.

El Paso newspapers are promoting a "Use-more-cotton" campaign, and College of Mines athletes will wear cotton uniforms this season.

Core tests for potash are to be made soon near Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Pecos recently held its first annual cantelope fiesta, advertising the fine quality cantelope produced there in commercial quantities.

Twenty thousand visitors went through Carlsbad Caverns in August.

BARGAIN DAYS.

From now until Dec. 31st, subscription price for The Merkel Mail in Taylor and adjoining counties is only \$1.00 per year. This will save you 50 cents, if you will renew your subscription during these three months. If you are in arrears, you can pay up the past year and extend a new year at the bargain offer of \$1.00 per year. Do it now. Offer positively expires December 31st.

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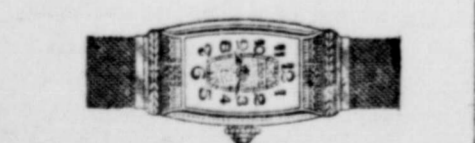
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4. Keep all burners and other gas using devices clean, so that every burner opening will feed its share of gas to the flame.
5. Do not use the range oven to heat the kitchen, because it uses twice as much gas as a small portable heater. A small heater for the kitchen will pay for itself quickly in gas savings.
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FIFTH INSTALLMENT.

SYNOPSIS.

Six people, Horace Johnson (who tells the story), his wife, old Mrs. Dane, Herbert Robinson and his sister, Alice, and Dr. Sperry, friends and neighbors, are in the habit of holding weekly meetings. At one of them, Mrs. Dane, who is hostess, varies the program by unexpectedly arranging a spiritualistic seance with Miss Jeremy, a friend of Dr. Sperry and not a professional, as the medium.

At the first sitting the medium tells the details of a murder as it is occurring. Later that night Sperry learns that a neighbor, Arthur Wells, has been shot mysteriously. With Johnson he goes to the Wells residence and they find confirmation of the medium's account. Mrs. Wells tells them her husband shot himself in a fit of depression.

The French maid admits she was out at the time Wells was shot, telephoning from a nearby drug store. Johnson goes to the drug store where the clerk tells him the maid phoned to the Ellingham house, telling somebody there not "to call that night."

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

When I told him it was a case of suicide, he remarked, philosophically: "A lot of people get the bug once in a while, they come in here for a dose of sudden death, and it takes watching. It's a matter of the point of view," he continued more cheerfully. "And my point of view just now is that this place is darned cold and so's the street. You'd better have a little something to warm you up before you go out, Mr. Johnson."

I was chilled through, to tell the truth, and although I rarely drink anything I went back with him and took an ounce or two of villainous whiskey, poured out of a jug into a graduated glass. It is with deep humiliation of spirit I record that a housemaid coming into my library at seven o'clock the next morning, found me, in top hat and overcoat, asleep on the library couch.

I had, however, removed my collar and tie, and my watch, carefully wound, was on the smoking-stand beside me.

The death of Arthur Wells had taken place on Monday evening. Tuesday brought nothing new. The coroner was apparently satisfied, and on Wednesday the dead man's body was cremated.

"Thus obliterating all evidence," Sperry said, with what I felt was a note of relief.

But I think the situation was bothering him, and that he hoped to discount in advance the second sitting with Miss Jeremy, which Mrs. Dane had already arranged for the following Monday, for on Wednesday afternoon, following a conversation over the telephone, Sperry and I had a private sitting with Miss Jeremy in Sperry's private office. I took my wife into our confidence and invited her to be present, but the unfortunate coldness following the housemaid's discovery of me asleep in the library on the morning after the murder, was still noticeable and she refused.

The sitting however, was totally without value. There was difficulty on the medium's part in securing the trance condition, and she broke out once rather petulantly, with the remark that we were interfering with her in some way.

I noticed that Sperry had paced Arthur Well's stick unobtrusively on his table, but we secured only rambling and non-pertinent replies to our questions, and whether it was because the Wells matter did not come up at

all I found a total lack of that sense of the unknown which made all the evening sittings so grisly.

I am sure she knew we had wanted something, and that she had failed to give it to us, for when she came out she was depressed and in a state of lowered vitality.

"I'm afraid I'm not helping you," she said. "I'm a little tired, I think."

She was tired. I felt suddenly very sorry for her. She was so pretty and so young—only twenty-six or thereabouts — to be in the grip of forces so relentless. Sperry sent her home in his car, and took to pacing the floor of his office.

"I'm going to give up, Horace," he said. "Perhaps you are right. We may be on the verge of some real discovery. But while I'm interested, so interested that it interferes with my work, I'm frankly afraid to go on. There are several reasons."

I argued with him. There could be no question that if things were left as they were, a number of people would go through life convinced that Elinor Wells had murdered her husband. Look at the situation. She had sent out all the servants and the governess, surely an unusual thing in an establishment of that sort. And Miss Jeremy had been vindicated in three points; some stains had certainly been washed up, we had found the key where she had stated it to be, and Arthur had certainly been shaving himself.

"In other words," I argued, "we can't stop, Sperry. You can't stop. But my idea would be that our investigations be purely scientific and not criminal."

"Also, in other words," he said, "you think we will discover something, so you suggest that we compound a felony and keep it to ourselves!"

"Exactly," I said drily.

It is of course possible that my nerves were somewhat unstrung during the days that followed. I awakened one night to a terrific thump which shook my bed, and which seemed to be the result of some one having struck the foot-board with a plank. Immediately following this came a sharp knocking on the antique bed-warmer which hangs beside my fireplace.

When I had sufficiently recovered my self-control I turned on my bedside lamp, but the room was empty.

But on Thursday night of that week my wife came into my bedroom, and stated flatly that there were burglars in the house.

I got out of bed and went down the stairs. But I must confess that I felt, the moment darkness surrounded me, considerably less trepidation concerning the possible burglar than I felt as to the darkness itself. Mrs. Johnson had locked herself in my bedroom, and there was something horrible in the black depths of the lower hall.

We are old-fashioned people and have not yet adopted electric light. I carried a box of matches, but at the foot of the stairs the one I had lighted went out. I was terrified. I tried to light another match, but there was a draft from somewhere.

The second match went out before I had time to glance about. I was immediately conscious of a sort of soft movement around me, as of shadowy shapes that passed and repassed. One it seemed to me that a hand was laid on my shoulder and not lifted, but instead dissolved into the other shadows around. The sudden striking of the clock on the stair landing completed my demoralization.

I turned and fled upstairs, pursued, to

my agonized nerves, by ghostly hands that came toward me from between the spindles of the stair-rail.

At dawn I went downstairs again, heartily ashamed of myself. I found that a door to the basement had been left open, and that the soft movement had probably been my overcoat, swaying in the draft.

Sperry had, I believe, told Herbert Robinson of what we had discovered, but nothing had been said to the women. I knew through my wife that they were wildly curious and the night of the second seance Mrs. Dane drew me aside and made me promise I would tell her all I learned, after it was all over.

Miss Jeremy did not come to dinner. She never ate before a seance. And though we tried to keep the conversational ball floating airy, there was not the usual effervescence of the Neighborhood Club dinners. One and all, we were waiting, we knew not for what.

I am sorry to record that there were no physical phenomena of any sort at this second seance. The room was arranged as it had been at the first sitting, except that a table with a candle and a chair had been placed behind a screen for Mrs. Dane's secretary.

There was one other change. Sperry had brought the walking-stick he had taken from Arthur Wells's room, and after the medium was in trance he placed it on the table before her.

The first questions were disappointing in results. Asked about the stick, there was only silence. When, however, Sperry went back to the sitting of the week before, and referred to questions and answers at that time, the medium seemed uneasy. Her hand, held under mine, made an effort to free itself, and, released, touched the cane. She lifted it, and struck the table a hard blow with it.

"Do you know to whom that stick belongs?"

A silence. Then: "Yes."

"Will you tell us what you know about it?"

"It is writing."

"Writing?"

"It was writing, but the water washed it away."

Then instantly and with great rapidity, followed a wild torrent of words and incomplete sentences. It is inarticulate, and the secretary made no record of it. As I recall, however, it was about water, children, and the words "ten o'clock" repeated several times.

"Do you mean that something happened at ten o'clock?"

"No. Certainly not. No, indeed. The water washed it away, all of it. Not a trace."

"Where did all this happen?"

She named, without hesitation, a seaside resort about fifty miles from our city. There was not one of us, I dare say, who did not know that the Welles had spent the preceding summer there and that Charlie Ellingham had been there, also.

"Do you know that Arthur Wells is dead?"

"Yes. He is dead."

"Did he kill himself?"

"You can't catch me on that, I don't know."

Here the medium laughed. It was horrible. And the laughter made the whole thing absurd. But it died away quickly.

"If only the pocketbook was not lost," she said. "There were so many things in it. Especially car-tickets. Walking is a nuisance."

Mrs. Dane's secretary suddenly

spoke. "Do you want me to take things like that," she asked.

"Take everything, please," was the answer.

"Car-tickets and letters. It will be terrible if the letters are found."

"Where was the pocketbook lost?" Sperry asked.

"If that were known, it could be found," was the reply, rather shaply given. "Hawkins may have it. He was always hanging around. The curtain was much safer."

"What curtain?"

"Nobody would have thought of the curtain. First ideas are best."

She repeated this, following it, as once before, with rhymes for the final word, best, rest, chest, pest.

"Pest!" she said. "That's Hawkins!" And again the laughter.

"Did one of the bullets strike the ceiling?"

"Yes. But you'll never find it. It is holding well. That part's safe enough—unless it made a hole in the floor above."

"But there was only one empty chamber in the revolver. How could two shots have been fired?"

There was no answer at all to this. And Sperry, after waiting, went on to his next question: "Who occupied the room overhead?"

But here we received the reply to the previous question: "There was a box of cartridges in the table-dresser. That's easy."

From that point, however, the interest lapsed. Either there was no answer to questions, or we got the absurdity that we had encountered before, about the drawing-room furniture. But unsatisfactory in many ways as the seance had been, the effect on Miss Jeremy was profound—she was longer in coming out, and greatly exhausted when it was all over.

She refused to take the supper Mrs. Dane had prepared for her, and at eleven o'clock Sperry took her home in his car.

I remember that Mrs. Dane inquired after she had gone:

"Does any one know the name of the Welles' butler? Is it Hawkins?"

I said nothing, and as Sperry was the only one likely to know and he had gone, the inquiry went no further. Looking back, I realize that Herbert, while less cynical, was still skeptical, that his sister was non-committal, but for some reason watching me, and that Mrs. Dane was in a state of delightful anticipation.

My wife, however, had taken a dislike to Miss Jeremy, and said that the whole thing bored her.

"The men like it, of course," she said, "Horace fairly simpers with pleasure while he sits and holds her hand. But a woman doesn't impose on other women so easily. It's silly."

"My dear," Mrs. Dane said, reaching over and patting my wife's hand, "people talked that way about Columbus and Galileo. And if it is nonsense, it is such thrilling nonsense!"

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COUNTY AGENTS—ARE THEY USEFUL OR USELESS?

Writing in The Texas Weekly under date of September 19, Peter Molyneux, its editor, in calling attention to the fact that "a time for counsel is approaching," said:

"Now that we are going to have radically reduced acreage, a reduction enforced by law, is it not in order that the most practicable program of dealing with it shall be worked out by all those concerned? It is just possible that the new condition presents an opportunity—an opportunity to bring about a revised system of agriculture, more profitable in the long run than the old cotton system. We have a suspicion that there is a big job for the county farm demonstration agents and the extension forces of Agricultural & Mechanical college in connection with this new situation. And it seems reasonable to believe that there is need of cooperation in the planning and executing of that job from the farm landlords and the country bankers."

Noting that the time is immediately at hand for making crop arrangements for 1932, Victor H. Schoffelmayer, agricultural editor of the Dallas News, reports considerable nervousness among Texas farmers and landlords as to what effect the cotton acreage reduction law will have upon their operations next season. Such reduction in cotton acreage will naturally involve drastic crop shifts.

"For this reason," Mr. Schoffelmayer writes, "these farmers are looking for some one to come forward with a farming program for 1932 based upon the present cotton acreage reduction law. They want the extension service of Texas A. & M. College, the State Department of Agriculture, the Texas Breeder-Feeder Association, the Texas Agricultural Workers Association or other agencies to give them a program to which they can tie."

"Other agencies" mean, without doubt, the county farm agent and the home demonstration agent, part and parcel of the extension service of Texas A. & M. college and recognized by a continuation of their services from year to year throughout most of the Texas counties as being the most effective agency in the development of Texas' greatest need, diversification.

When the commissioners' court of Taylor county voted to discontinue the salaries of the county farm agent and the home demonstration agent, effective December first, they went on record in the order entered on the court minutes as endorsing the work of these two agents in the following language:

"The court further declared that such contracts are ordered cancelled for financial reasons only; the court indorsed the work as having been a success and the court further believes that such work is desired by a majority of the citizens. However, the court only spends the money paid in by the people by way of taxes, and the court does not see fit to create contracts such as the ones involved, without reasonable prospects to pay same."

The editor of The Mail is driven from the above statements to the conclusion that, if the work of the county agents has been of any value whatever in the past, the shift of crops and diversification on the farms, both of which must have a place on the program of every farmer for 1932, make the services of Taylor county's two agents indispensable for the coming year. If, as stated by our good friend, R. B. Wells, in his letter elsewhere in The Mail, the farmers have never wanted a county agent here, well, that's another story.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all those dear friends whose kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our dear mother so greatly aided us in bearing up under our sorrow. For your tender ministrations, your words of consolation and sympathy and the many beautiful floral offerings we are truly grateful. We are also deeply grateful to Dr. Armstrong and all those who rendered aid and comfort in any way and we as God's blessings upon you all, each and every one.

The Jenkins Children.
Mrs. C. W. Whitaker.

CHURCHES

Many from Merkel At Endeavor Meet

When the Christian Endeavorers of this district convened at the Central Presbyterian church at Abilene last Sunday, 172 delegates were present, including representatives from Merkel, Sweetwater, Albany, Haskell, Breckenridge, Ranger, Baird and Abilene.

Miss Hattie Mae Wood of Amarillo, treasurer and former president of the Texas body, was guest speaker, giving the inspirational address at the evening hour and conducting an open forum at the afternoon session. Those from Merkel who registered for the session were: Pat Patterson, Duncan Briggs, Mildred Richardson, Marizoe West, Billy Gardner, W. J. Derstine, Grisham Dowell, Monahan Wozencraft, James West, Jr., Van Roberts, Mike Vickers, John Keeney, Charles Wozencraft, H. H. Boaz, Ben Middleton, S. G. Russell, Nell Durham, Kennedy Cribley, Bernie Tucker, Kennedy Whiteley, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones and James West.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. We are expecting some out of town visitors at the 11 o'clock service and some special music by the choir will be given.

The San Angelo choir and pastor, Rev. Fred S. Rogers, will be here for the evening service at 7:15 o'clock. You are invited to attend this service, hear the choir and hear Rev. Mr. Rogers, a former pastor of the church here.

W. M. Elliott, Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The following is the program for the Presbyterian Missionary society for Monday, November 2nd:

Devotional: subject, "Prayer."
Song, "Take it to the Lord in Prayer."

Scripture, Psalm 54.
"A Chain of Prayers."
Song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer."
Program: subject, "Siam and the Southern Mountains."

"Mothering a Siamese Baby," Mrs. Walker.

"The Past Tense of Backslide," Mrs. Jones.

Poem, "There is Enough," Mrs. Diltz.

"What are Thrills," Mrs. Elliott.

"Thoughts and Editorials on Thanksgiving."

"The Happiest Person I Ever Knew," Mrs. John West.

"From a Girl's Point of View," Mrs. John Russell.

Prayer for missionaries, led by Mrs. G. F. West.

Business session.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

With a total of 822 present at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, the attendance showed a gain of more than 100 over the previous Sunday. Last Sunday there were 822 present, while only 718 were in attendance the week before. This compared with 704 for the same Sunday a year ago.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

For next Sunday the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service will be held at the Methodist church, with Will Toombs as the leader. The lesson will be the 19th chapter of Acts, following the plan of the organization in its study of the Acts of the Apostles. Every man in Merkel and the surrounding communities is wanted at these weekly meetings and your presence will be appreciated and will lend encouragement to others.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Large congregations attended all the services of the Baptist church last Sunday. The growing spiritual fellowship of our people is gratifying. Come on, brethren, let's make the days that are to come count much for the glory of God.

All services at the regular hours next Sunday. At the evening hour, 7 p. m., the pastor of the Sixth Baptist church and his young people will put on a very fine program. Be sure to hear them. Bring your friends and worship with us.

J. T. King, Pastor.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

We have but two more Sundays before the annual conference. In many ways, we have a wonderful report for the year. Our net increase in membership will be above 60. But there are many things yet un-

finished. May we not expect every member of the church to be present at these closing services.

Our evening service will begin at 7 o'clock.

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HI-LEAGUE.

Song No. 239.
Roll call.

Song No. 80.
Prayer.

21st chapter of St. John, Cullen Title.

First chapter of Acts, Wanda Hunter.

Second chapter of Acts, Lucille Campbell.

Third chapter of Acts, Marie Stanford.

Song No. 149.
League benediction.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Epworth Leaguers are planning a Halloween party Friday night to initiate new officers, viz.: Roy Patterson, president; Tracy Campbell, vice president, and Marcella Pinckley, secretary. We're looking for everybody. Everybody is invited.

The program for Sunday follows: These discussions which follow are taken from the fore part of the Era and are to be read and studied by the leaguer and then discussed at league: "All Saints Day," Lowell Vickers, Page 1.

Conclusions reached by the Young People at Mt. Sequoyah and at Lake Junaluska, Pauline Pinckley, page 339.

"A Case to which there is but One Side," Imogene Hayes, page 300.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 10 a. m. Preaching and worship 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Ladies' Bible class Tuesday 2:45 p. m.

This class is just one hour in length and all ladies are urged to attend it. The interest is fine and you will enjoy it. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. In this service we are using practical subjects now that will be of help and interest to all.

Training classes for all ages of folk meet each Sunday at 6:30 p. m. L. E. Carpenter, Minister.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Mrs. Fannie King, superintendent. We invite all children and older people that are not in Sunday School in other churches to please visit our Sunday School next Sunday.

Preaching services 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. by the evangelist, Rev. Lula A. Williams. We want to say again that if you have not heard her you are surely missing a great spiritual feast. She is a forceful, intelligent, interesting preacher of the great gospel truths of Christ. Her wide experience as a missionary to Japan for ten years and several years in the home land as pastor and evangelist make you want to hear her again.

Another interesting feature is the musical program. We have with us Prof. Alvin Breeden of Wichita Falls, who delights us with his solos and instrumental music. Brother Breeden is a natural musician, not having had to go the tedious route of taking lessons, as many do, but plays any musical instrument with ease. You will have to hear him to appreciate his talents. He has several instruments with him. Hear him each evening at 7:15.

Again we cordially invite you to attend these services and come to the street service at 3 p. m. Saturday.

Lovick P. Fretwell, Supply Pastor.

Receives Award for Five Year Service

The regular bi-monthly educational and safety meeting of the West Texas Utilities company, held in the general offices of the company at Abilene Tuesday night, was featured by the presentation of service awards to employees of the company. The awards of watch charms, lapel buttons and pins are based on units of five years employment with the company.

E. R. Hoppe, vice-president and general superintendent of the company, who entered the service on March 1, 1915, was the only recipient of the fifteen year award. Four employees were given ten year service awards and ten received five year service emblems. Among the latter was Mat Dillingham, local manager for the company, who is wearing a lapel button, emblematic of his five years service.



FIDELIS SOCIAL SOCIETY.

Regardless of the rainy weather Thursday afternoon, there were quite a number present at the Fidelis class social. Some new officers were elected and some old ones retained their positions. The devotionals were led by Mrs. Sam Swann. Forget-Me-nots were received and some lovely gifts were revealed.

Helpful prayers were offered by Mrs. Sam Swann, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Clarence Perry and Mrs. M. B. Moore. Mrs. M. B. Moore's home, at which the class met, was lovely, being decorated in Halloween style, and clever Halloween puzzles were enjoyed. There was quite a lot of humor, when each read their fortunes.

Delicious refreshments of sandwiches and hot chocolate with marshmallows were served to Mesdames Sam Swann, Claud Perry, Charlie Higgins, Gibson, Ted McGehee, Hassey, Rutledge and the hostesses, Mrs. M. B. Moore and Mrs. Clarence Perry.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Mrs. R. A. Burgess was the gracious hostess to members of the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church, entertaining Monday in her home on Yucca street.

Lovely autumn flowers extended a welcome to eighteen members and guests. An interesting program was given and enjoyed by everyone.

The pleasure of the afternoon was enhanced by the presence of Mrs. T. G. Bragg, Mrs. Fred Guitar, "Mother Swafford," and Mrs. Mitchell.

A short business session was called after which a pleasant social hour was enjoyed. The hostess served a lovely refreshment plate. Voting Mrs. Burgess an ideal hostess and hoping to enjoy her hospitality again, the society adjourned.

Prize Winners to be Announced Next Week By Continental Oil Co.

Announcement of winners in the \$10,000 cash prize contest sponsored by Continental Oil company, for the best answers explaining "The Mystery of the Hidden Quart," will be made in an advertisement in next week's issue of The Mail.

The success of this advertising campaign, in which motorists were invited to compete for \$10,000 in prizes for the best answers to the question, "What becomes of the hidden quart of Conoco Germ Processed Motor Oil, and how does it benefit motorists?" has so far surpassed expectations that the winners cannot be announced as early as was anticipated.

A preliminary examination of all of the thousands of entries in the contest has been completed, and the judges are now making their final inspection of the entries, with the view to announcing the winners next week. The judges are: Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University of Oklahoma; John A. Hunter, professor of mechanical engineering, University of Colorado, and Frank L. Martin, associate dean, school of journalism, University of Missouri.

Plans Finished for Turkey School Nov. 3

Preparations have been completed for a poultry school to be held at Abilene, Tuesday, November 3, it was said yesterday by C. M. Heald, county farm agent.

The school will be directed by E. M. Holmgren, poultry specialist of the extension service, assisted by Paul A. Cunyus. The morning session will be held at the city hall, and the afternoon will be devoted to practical demonstration at a local packing plant.

The school of instruction will cover three main points—preparation for market, dressing for market, and differentiations of the various government grades.

A large attendance from this territory is expected.

BARGAIN DAYS.

From now until Dec. 31st, subscription price for The Merkel Mail in Taylor and adjoining counties is only \$1.00 per year. This will save you 50 cents, if you will renew your subscription during these three months. If you are in arrears, you can pay up the past year and extend a new year at the bargain offer of \$1.00 per year. Do it now. Offer positively expires December 31st.

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R. O. Anderson Case Re-Set for Nov. 16

Abilene, Oct. 29.—Case of R. O. Anderson of Merkel, charged with embezzlement and misapplication of bank funds, was transferred to 104th district court and trial date set November 16, by Judge M. S. Long Wednesday.

The action was on motion of defense attorneys, who presented testimony of two physicians that Anderson, formerly vice president of the Farmers State Bank in Merkel, was too ill to come to Abilene for trial.

Indictment against Anderson, involving a total of \$4,150, was returned by the 42nd court grand jury ten days ago.

Dr. W. T. Sadler of Merkel, who testified he has been attending Anderson for two or three months, said

the defendant was suffering a recurrence of an old trouble, and that it "would endanger his life" to come to Abilene for trial. Dr. Sadler said he visited Anderson Tuesday night. He said the former bank official was suffering from an "acute flare-up of gastric ulcer," and that he had been suffering from the attack since Sunday night. Anderson has been under care of a physician for six or seven years, the doctor said.

Dr. Sadler said the defendant might be able to come to Abilene in two or three days to appear before court to have the case transferred or delayed.

Similar opinion as to the banker's condition was given by Dr. W. V. Ramsey of Abilene.

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Wm. R. Cox, N. G.
Wm. Elliott, Secretary.

Sheriff Townsend of Bastrop Found Guilty

Austin, Oct. 29.—Sheriff Woody Townsend of Bastrop county was found guilty Saturday night of extortionately collecting a fee from the state by a district court jury.

His punishment was set at two years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Townsend, a peace officer in Texas for nearly forty years, was the first of several sheriffs against whom indictments alleging fee extortion have been brought to trial.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF F. J. SMITH.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and brethren of Merkel Lodge, No. 710, A. F. & A. M.:

We, your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of brother F. J. Smith, beg to submit the following:

Whereas, on the 5th day of October, A. D. 1931, it pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in His infinite wisdom to remove from among us our dear brother, F. J. Smith, in his 80th year, and to transplant him a member of that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides; and whereas, Brother Smith was a Mason of long standing, having received the degrees in the order in early manhood, and at a time when the principles and teachings of the order were indelibly stamped upon the minds of all young Masons; and whereas, Brother Smith, had held membership in this lodge for a number of years, and during his active life held some of the responsible official positions in the lodge with credit to himself and honor to the fraternity; he was a man that stood for all that was right; he was firm in his convictions and always applied the Golden Rule in his daily life, and was faithful, patient and loyal to every duty to his friends and brethren, and during his active life, was punctual in his attendance upon the meetings of the lodge;

And, whereas, in the death of our brother this lodge has lost a worthy member; one who lived and practiced the true principles of our order, and in his every day life was a living example of those great tenets, Faith, Hope and Charity; having faith in God, Hope in immortality and Charity toward all mankind; ever ready to lend a helping hand to a brother, or friend, to aid him in his efforts at reformation, and while we drop a sympathetic tear for his bereaved ones, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and leave in His hands the soul of our deceased brother.

Therefore, be it resolved by this lodge that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the lodge, a copy delivered to the children of our deceased brother and a copy handed the Merkel Mail for publication, and that members of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. W. Wheeler,
M. Armstrong,
Joe Holmes,
Committee.

Passed and approved this 24th day of October, A. D. 1931.
Attest: C. L. Boswell, Secretary,
Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M. (Seal)

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West Texas Attorney Blames Depression on Governmental Costs

Ablene, Oct. 29.—The battle cry of 1776, "United We Stand, Divided We Fall," was given a modern interpretation and applied to present day business conditions by Judge C. E. Coombes, prominent West Texas attorney and former mayor of Abilene, at a luncheon meeting of department heads and district superintendents of the West Texas Utilities company last week at the Wooten Hotel here.

Judge Coombes was guest of honor at the luncheon and discussed present business conditions, the political situation and offered a remedy for the current depression, which he maintains is due largely to the inactivity of capital, and not to any change in the fundamental condition of the country.

A feature of the luncheon was a tribute paid to Thomas A. Edison, whose funeral was held Wednesday at 2:30 (Eastern Standard Time) at West Orange, New Jersey. The local tribute, during which the activities of the West Texas Utilities company were ceased for one minute, was paid at 1:30 (Central Standard Time) to allow for the one hour's difference between Central Standard and Eastern Standard times. P. W. Campbell, traffic manager of the company, outlined Mr. Edison's great contributions to the world. At the conclusion of his short address, the electric lights in the room were turned off and the luncheon guests stood with bowed heads for one minute, paying silent and sincere tribute to the Sage of Menlo Park.

Judge Coombes, in his spirited talk, traced the current depression to increasing governmental expenditures. "At the present time," he said, "a large percentage of the citizens of our country are drawing their livelihoods from government salaries, paid by the taxpayers. When an average of one out of thirteen families are supported by the balance of us," he continued, "what can be expected but depression?"

After calling attention to the present situation of Great Britain, as a result of that country's debt system, government operation of utilities and its competition and interference with private enterprise, Coombes said, "We rapidly are approaching such a condition in our own United States. We are taxed until we can hardly stand for taxation. Too many are drawing salaries from the respective governments; there is too much duplication of jobs, of organization, of buildings and of work in all our governments. Until our governments stop reckless and exorbitant expenditures, we cannot expect the return of prosperity."

In following this line of thought, Coombes compared government operation with private initiative in business. "If private businesses were to spend money in the same fashion as the government in business," he said, "they would be bankrupt in a short while—for they must depend on the profits of efficient management for their sustenance, rather than on increasing a tax rate."

In discussing the company's current earnings and the stability of its preferred stock, Price Campbell, president of the company, told the meeting, "We have earned sufficient money during the first nine months of this year to pay our bonded interest and the regular dividends on our \$6 preferred stock. You can offer this stock for sale to your friends and customers secure in the knowledge that, as in the past, their regular quarterly dividends will be paid promptly and in full this year."

Badgers Lose

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aided the Merkel team most ably in the line.

The line-ups:

Anson	Pos.	Merkel
Brown	LE	Williams
Cousert	LT	Collins
Blankenship	LG	Shouse
Mayfield	C	Middleton
Ingram	RG	Harris
White	RT	Moore
Reeves	RE	Gamble
Bartlett	RH	Durham
Farham	LH	Derrick
Gray	QB	Wilson
Foster	FB	Boaz

Substitutions: Anson, Perry for Gray; Merkel, Cade for Durham; Farham for Middleton; Carson for Windham; Windham for Moore; Toombs for Shouse.
Score by quarters:
Merkel 0 0 0 0—0
Anson 0 6 7 7—20
First downs: Merkel 5, Anson 18.
Officials: Referee, Beard (Simmons); umpire, Riddle (Simmons); head linesman, Duke (Howard Payne).

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Personal Mention

Miss Doris Durham from Crane City spent the week-end with the home folks.

Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb spent the week-end with relatives in Fort Worth.

Miss Dixie Blair and Bob Scruggs of Midland were week-end guests of her mother, Mrs. J. S. Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles West spent the week-end in Wichita Falls with his sister, Mrs. Beulah Tipton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Foy and son, Raymond, of Loraine were Sunday guests of Mrs. Foy's sister, Mrs. T. T. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Ribble of Abilene were guests Sunday of Mrs. Ribble's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Dickson of Idalou, Texas, were week-end guests of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor of Quitman, Texas, have been visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Delaney of Rising Star were guests the latter part of last week of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer.

Miss Margaret Dean of Union Ridge was the week-end guest of Miss Floy Wells. They also visited in Blair Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dowell, Miss Alleyne Riley and Norvell Dowell returned Tuesday from a visit of several days in Commerce.

Alton Davis was over from Abilene Saturday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis, and shaking hands with friends.

Friends will be glad to learn that B. M. Black, who was so seriously ill for several days, was reported some better Thursday morning.

Ted Lasater, connected with the T. & P. railroad here over a period of 23 years, is now second-trick operator for the same company at Ranger.

Mrs. H. H. Jenkins spent the week-end in Fort Worth visiting a sister, Mrs. Ocie Parrish of Murray, Ky., is visiting in the home of her brother, V. N. Ellis, and family.

Among those who went to Lamesa for the funeral of Mrs. T. H. Christopher last Sunday were Mrs. Eli Case, Mrs. Bishop Hunter, Mrs. Herbert Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case.

Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Armstrong and little daughter of Fort Worth, accompanied by Miss Hope Stallings, also of Fort Worth, spent the week-end with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Grayson and grandson, Wallace Ferguson, of Waco returned home Monday after a pleasant visit with Mr. Grayson's brothers, Hugh, Jim and Sam Grayson, and their families.

Among those noted at the T. C. U. Simmons game at Abilene Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Davis, both of whom formerly taught in the Merkel schools, where Mr. Davis was principal and coach. He is teaching this year at McCamey.

Ecumenical Conference

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prohibition had brought to this country, urging American Christianity to assist them to gain what we have gained in America.
4. A warless world. Most every speaker made reference to this feeling of resentment of war. Delegates from all nations manifest the same feeling. Throughout the conference the highest spiritual tide prevailed and at times it seemed more like a great revival than a conference. At the close of a sermon by Bishop Arthur Moore there were thirty or more conversions at the altar.
Shouts of "Hallelujah" often punctuated the spiritual messages.
A marked growth in the membership of Methodism seems inevitable if the spirit of the Ecumenical conference permeates the churches for the next decade.

Returns to Merkel.

J. L. Riddle, who has been in California for the past several months, has returned to Merkel, bringing his family with him, and has reopened his garage in southeast Merkel. The Mail joins the citizenship of Merkel in welcoming Mr. Riddle back home.

Giant Cotton Cargo.

Houston, Oct. 29.—The largest cargo of cotton to be exported from any Texas port this season and the largest moved from Houston in nearly three years, was aboard the British steamer Bradglen when she sailed from here Sunday morning for the far east. It was announced that she carried 20,050 bales for Osaka, Kobe and Shanghai.

Sees Better Days Near.

Atlanta, Oct. 29.—Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, returning from New York to the office from which he has watched the tides of business rise and fall for several decades, said he was convinced the country is on the road to better times.

Cotton Receipts.

Total receipts for the season at Merkel have now reached 6,683 bales, as tabulated by The Mail from the records of Public Weigher Houston Robertson and Depot Agent J. C. Childress of the railroad. Only 192 bales were received during the past week.

Fort Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Oct. 29.—Receipts were not excessive Wednesday, the estimate calling for 2,200 head of cattle and 1,500 calves, and the market made fairly satisfactory progress. Cows and calves sold to an improved demand on a steady to strong level, while other classes remained in line with Tuesday's close.
Quality of beef steers was rather common. Most sales were from \$3 to \$4.15. Fat cows moved in package lots up to \$3, but good stock cows notched \$3.65. Canners were taken at \$1.25 to \$1.75. A sale of choice yearlings was made at \$8. Bulls were scarce at \$2 to \$2.50. Fat calves brought \$3.75 to \$4, mostly, with stocker steer calves selling up to \$5.
Hog receipts amounted to 600 head. The market was steady to 15c higher. A few truckers brought \$5.60, but the logical top was \$5.45. Two loads went at \$5.35.

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Farmers Never Have Wanted County Agents, Says Wells in Letter

Merkel, Texas, Oct. 26, 1931.
Editor, Merkel Mail,
Merkel, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Would you permit an old farmer a few words in The Mail in opposition to this county agent question? Believing that there are two sides to said question, and only one is being presented to the public, I would like a few words; first, I believe it is an unnecessary expense; the farmers that pay the taxes on the land and who should be considered in such matters do not want it and have never wanted it. It was saddled on them by the Abilene chamber of commerce for their own selfish ends.

The majority of us had decided so long as said chamber of commerce controlled the commissioners court it would be useless to protest. It has been tried in this county before and found useless. I have talked with a number of farmers and have yet to find one that owns a farm that favors it.

For argument's sake, say it is of some value. I contend that the said court could have hired all the terracing done that the agent has done for \$1,000 and I firmly believe it could be done for \$500.

I understand the court pays the two agents \$4,000 per year. In six years, that would be \$24,000. If there are any of our farm women that could not learn to can what they had to can in 6 years I do not believe they can ever learn. If they cannot now, there are plenty of people that can do it for them and would be glad of the job at 20 per cent of the price paid said agents. I contend that it is paternalism gone to seed.

Why are our taxes so high and forever increasing? Because we have the government meddling in everything from the time we are born until we die. Every time an old cow takes the bellyache, there's a great hue and cry to pass a law forbidding said cow to have a case of bellyache, if she wants to, and to appoint some 2 by 4 politicians to enforce said law and pay them from \$5,000 to \$10,000 salary.

One of our most substantial farmers and ranchmen told me yesterday that he wanted to vote for Judge Epley for congress for having guts enough to vote against re-employment of said agents.

I do not consider that the Abilene chamber of commerce has any call to butt into this, as it wholly concerns the farmers. I have always heard it was a man's job to attend to his own business.

If we want the court to employ them, we have sense enough to ask them to do so.

If it had not been for said chamber of commerce our taxes would be more than half what they now are.

I hope the court will have backbone enough to tell Mr. Carswell and other hot air artists to go jump in the lake.

Yours very truly,
R. B. Wells.

Ten Per Cent Increase Shown in Deposits

Austin, Oct. 29.—An increase of 10 per cent in the average weekly volume of checks cashed over the previous month was an interesting development during September in the Eleventh Federal Reserve district, according to the Bureau of Business Research of the University of Texas. Total bank deposits for the month are still 30 per cent below those for last year.

"There was a decline of \$7,000,000 in demand deposits held by the member banks as compared with the previous month. While \$2,000,000 of this decline was offset by increases in time deposits, at \$395,000,000, total deposits are 1.2 per cent under those at the close of August, and 7.5 per cent less than those at the close of September last year.

Total loans, though 14 per cent smaller than at the close of September last year, increased slightly as compared with August because of a gain of 4 per cent in commercial loans. The amount of government securities owned by member banks increased 26 per cent over August and was 11 per cent higher than at the close of September last year. Member bank holdings of government securities now total \$77,000,000.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks to our many friends for the services which they so kindly rendered to us during the illness and death of our dear father. We appreciate every kind thought, loving word, the sympathetic visits and inquiries, and the many beautiful floral offerings.

Especially do we thank Dr. M. Armstrong for his efficient and untiring services, and Rev. E. L. Yeats for his kind words of consolation. The greatest thanks we offer to our Divine Father for the many ways in which He prepared and consoled our hearts to meet this, our deepest sorrow. We recommend Him as an ever considerate and present help in time of trouble and sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Underwood.
Miss Annie Laurie Smith.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Smith.
Mr. and Mrs. George Smith.
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gray.
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith.
Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Weir.

NOTICE.

The Woodmen Circle will meet every first Friday of each month at 3 o'clock. Members are urged to attend these meetings.

Vetoes Brooks Bill; Says It Would Mean No Relief to People

Austin, Oct. 29.—Gov. Ross S. Sterling Thursday vetoed the Brooks bill, passed at the second called session of the Forty-Second legislature, proposing relief to counties and road districts on their bonded indebtedness caused by the construction of roads which have become a part of the state highway system. The bill would have taken about \$6,000,000 from the highway fund.

Governor Sterling vetoed the bill because the subject covered by it was not submitted by him to the special session and because under the terms of the bill and the existing situation "this relief would not reach the counties or taxpayers until time for payment of their taxes in January, 1933."

The proceeds of the cent of the gasoline tax, which was to have been placed in a suspense fund, would be approximately \$600,000 a month, the governor said. "Consequently it would require ten months from Jan. 1 next, if not more, to accumulate \$6,000,000. In the meantime the tax rate is fixed by the commissioners' court in July or August and the taxpayers would not get relief until they come to pay their taxes in January, 1933."

To Run Motor Cars Waco to Stamford

Dublin, Texas, Oct. 29.—The Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad has placed an order with the St. Louis Car company for the construction of two gas-electric motor cars, to be used in operating daily between Stamford and Waco, according to G. R. Phelps, Katy agent here. The cars are to be seventy-eight feet long with a fifteen-foot compartment for mail and a forty-six-foot compartment for baggage and will cost about \$60,000 each. They are to take the place of the regular steam locomotive.

\$100,000 Closes Deal.

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 29.—The Memphis Appeal newspapers, morning and evening, were sold at auction here Tuesday for \$100,000 to the Minnesota and Ontario Paper company of Minneapolis, which already held debentures of the properties amounting to \$1,500,000.

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Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

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M. B. MOORE

Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

The announcement was made Sunday that Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the Baptist church at Merkel, would preach at the Baptist church here at 2 o'clock Sunday, Nov. 1.

Mrs. Bob Martin of Abilene was the guest of her parents here Tuesday.

Mrs. E. Holt and children of Waco are guests of relatives and friends here this week.

Messrs. Adkins of Ballinger and Preston of Winters were business visitors here Tuesday and were lunching on guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

Friends here of W. L. Dowdy of Abilene are glad to know that at this writing he is doing nicely after undergoing an operation last week.

Mack Forrester of Lubbock was the recent guest of B. F. Forrester.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor of Earth were recent guests of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowers of Abilene last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Murdock and little daughter, Ruth Marie, were week-end guests of Mrs. Archer.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Forrester and sons, Jack and Robin, of Roby and Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Forrester, Miss Forrest and Bill Forrester were guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Forrester last Sunday.

SOCIAL AT PARSONAGE.

Rev. U. S. Sherrill entertained the Methodist league and young peoples Sunday School class with a social at the parsonage Friday evening. Contests and games were enjoyed by the following members: Misses Willie and Veda Orand, Bula and Lora Bright, Ima Gene Mangum, Florence Sherman, Victorene Bishop, Lucy Burch and Messrs. Jimmie Orand, Woodrow and Mitchell Cooper, Claude and Ed Freeman, Henry Bright, Leonard Stribling, M. L. Spence and Rev. Mr. Sherrill.

W. M. S. SOCIAL.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Trent Methodist church met in a social session at the home of Mrs. E. L. Mangum Monday afternoon, Oct. 26th. For the opening number of the devotional Miss Ima Gene Mangum played an improvised arrangement of "Saved by Grace." Mrs. E. L. Mangum read the first Psalms, Mrs. R. B. Johnson and Miss Ruby Johnson gave some special music and Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., closed the devotional with prayer.

Following the devotional an interesting impromptu program was carried out, including such numbers as "Mary Had a Little Lamb," by Mrs. M. G. Scott and "Little Red Riding Hood," a dialogue by Mrs. Tarver and Miss Ruby Johnson. Games and contests were then enjoyed, after which sandwiches, olives, hot chocolate and butter scotch were served to Mesdames R. B. McRee, Sr., class president, O. A. Smith, W. E. Shouse, J. K. P. Winn, J. S. Reid, Lee Keyes, R. B. Johnson, B. Burkhardt, M. G. Scott, and Tarver; Misses Ruby Johnson, Lora Bright, Ima Gene Mangum and the hostess.

SCHOOL NOTES.

There will be a Halloween party at the school auditorium Saturday night, Oct. 31st.

The History club met Monday, Oct. 26th, and an interesting program of short dialogues, history summaries, current events and readings was rendered. The club adjourned to meet again on Monday, Nov. 9th.

The Junior class held a class meeting Monday, Oct. 26th, for the purpose of considering a class pin. This class has started out with much pep and energy and wants to be the best class in Trent High school.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

L. E. Carpenter, Minister. Bible study 10 a. m. Worship and Lord's supper every Sunday at 11 a. m. Prayer meeting Tuesday 7:30 p. m. Ladies' Bible class Thursday 3 p. m. All members are urged to be there for these services.

BARGAIN DAYS.

From now until Dec. 31st, subscription price for The Merkel Mail in Taylor and adjoining counties is only \$1.00 per year. This will save you 50 cents, if you will renew your subscription during these three months. If you are in arrears, you can pay up the past year and extend a new year at the bargain offer of \$1.00 per year. Do it now. Offer positively expires December 31st.

On one liner which recently docked at Plymouth, England, were 100 deportees from America.

BLAIR ITEMS

Evelyn Latimer is on the sick list at this writing.

The Blair school starts Monday, Nov. 2nd. J. D. Rankins is principal and the teachers are: Miss Vernie Derrick, Spanish; Miss Vera Walker, intermediate, and Miss Mamie Walker, primary.

Mr. and Mrs. George West of Trent spent a pleasant day with Mrs. West's sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors, Sunday.

Mrs. Ula Provine and daughter, Miss Nola, of Merkel dined with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Orsburn Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Moore left Monday for Levelland to join her husband, who had accepted employment at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Melton Sherman and family of Trent visited in the Shorty Swafford home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hunter and daughter, Mrs. Luella Atwood, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horton of Wichita Falls, attended services at the Methodist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Patterson and family from the Canyon moved into our midst recently and we are glad to welcome these fine people.

The Taylor county singing convention met here Sunday evening, with the best singing ever had at Blair. We take pleasure in inviting these people back and want them to feel welcome any time; also the Baize Brothers quartette from Tuxedo was very much enjoyed and we surely want them to make us another visit soon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rosson have moved to Merkel for their children to enter school there.

Mrs. Laura Harrison returned one day recently from an extended visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Malone, of Hamby, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Doan and family and Henry Stubbs of Roscoe visited Mr. Doan's mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, and other relatives Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock of Merkel visited Mrs. Adcock's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton, Saturday. Also Mr. and Mrs. Earl Palmer and little son, Owen Edward, of Stith visited in this home one day recently.

Rev. Marvin Williams filled his regular appointment at the M. E. church Sunday.

Little Annie Clara and Vaughn Dean have been on the sick list.

GOLAN NEWS

School started Monday morning. Most all the pupils enrolled were present. Several of the patrons were in attendance for the opening exercises.

Brother Biggs filled his Sunday and Sunday night appointment. 111 were present for Sunday School.

We are sorry to hear of Mr. Dies' sudden and unexpected death. Funeral services are awaiting the arrival of the children from the west. Interment will be in the McCauley cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Finis Sexton were Golan visitors Sunday. They have moved from the Plains back to Sweetwater.

Miss Pearl West leaves this week to begin her school duties at Anderson chapel next Monday.

The ladies 4-H club meets Wednesday evening. Mrs. Bonner will not meet with us as she has been called to Lubbock for a meeting on the same date. Officers are to be elected for the coming year. We hope every member will be present.

W. M. West has traded his property here for a home near Seagraves. We are very sorry to lose them, as they are to move soon.

Mrs. Hugh Jeffrey has been visiting a sister-in-law at Sylvester for the past few days.

NOODLE NEWS

We have enjoyed the nice fall rains, as this community was very dry.

School at this place will start Monday, November 2nd. We have learned several new pupils will start in our school this year.

Miss Ruby Touchstone of this place was Saturday's guest of her sister, Mrs. John Shannon, of Merkel.

Manuel, Ray and Weldon Lucas, Woodrow Justice, Evelyn and Elinor Miller and Ralph Tarpoly of this place attended singing at Compere Sunday night and everyone enjoyed this wonderful singing.

Mrs. Lucas has a niece visiting her for the winter.

Quite a few of this place attended the party at Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sprins at Compere Saturday night.

Miss Ruby Touchstone spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Lula Dee West, of Anson.

Miss Mary Joe Patton visited the past month with her sister, Mrs. Garner Richards, of Sweetwater.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Rev. U. S. Sherrill filled his regular appointment Sunday at the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas and son and Mrs. M. A. Douglas were Sunday guests of Mrs. O. E. Skidmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jones of Goodman were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Huston Clark.

Those visiting in Abilene Friday were Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and family, Mr. and Mrs. Huston Clark and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sharp and family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Carr entertained the young folks with a singing last Sunday night.

The Union Ridge school has shown nice progress for the first month.

Paul Pannell entertained friends with a party last Saturday night.

Miss Margaret Dean was a guest Sunday afternoon of Miss Floy Wells in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and daughters were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kemp of the Golan community.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dorris left Monday for Denison.

Rev. Sam Morris of Stamford will preach at Hebron next Saturday night.

Remember Saturday night is Halloween.

WARREN NEWS

Most of the farmers are through pulling their cotton, as the fall rains damaged their cotton to a great extent.

School starts November second, with Elbert Neff of Salt Branch the teacher.

Jack Patterson of Merkel spent Saturday night with Buster McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Parker have moved to Knox City to make their home.

Quite a few from this community attended the party at Mrs. Ola Spurgin's last Saturday night and all reported a nice time.

Mrs. J. F. Dunnam is visiting her daughter at Winters.

Miss Nora Foster is entertaining the young folks with a Halloween party Saturday night.

Miss Clara Marshall has returned from Fort Worth where she has been visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy motored to Abilene Monday on business.

Ira Cross has returned home from Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clark spent the day recently with his sister, Mrs. Warren, of Anson.

Clyde Northcut and Clyde Brown from Goodman spent Thursday night with his brother, Bill Brown.

Hall Hollis motored to Abilene Monday.

Willie Chancey has returned from Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Patterson of Merkel visited her mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker, Sunday.

CANYON NEWS

Back again—we were absent last week, but it was raining so hard we were afraid to "venture out." We have had good rains the past week. We're hoping, however, it will quit for a while, so the farmers can get their crops gathered.

Misses Evelyn and Jimmie Dell Perry spent Saturday night at Nubia. M. E. Perry and Grandmother Perry and Miss Nelma Riney accompanied them home Sunday morning and spent the day.

Morgan Frazier left recently for El Paso where he has accepted a position.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Matthews spent Friday night with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Matthews, of Butman.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., spent Sunday in the W. C. Matthews home.

Sixty mechanics are to be employed regularly in the motor repair shops of the London police department.

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White Church News

We have had an abundance of rain in the Canyon, which was greatly appreciated by everyone. Most of our farmers are sowing wheat for winter pasture.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere and daughter, Lena Lee, attended to business in Abilene recently.

Quite a few from here attended the singing at Blair Sunday.

Mrs. F. A. Riggan had as her guests over the week-end her son, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Riggan, and Mrs. Gold Riggan and baby from Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harrison and children of Buffalo Gap visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Pressly and W. A. Harrison, Sunday.

Mrs. A. M. Brown and Mr. H. West, who have been on the sick list, are some better at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Barnes and son of Merkel visited their brother, A. D. Barnes, and family Sunday.

Clovis Harrison is visiting his brother at Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere have as their guest, their nephew, Billie Moore, of South Bend, Ind.

The more brilliant a flower, the less fragrant it is, seems to be the rule.

Sweetwater Airport Weather Station Open

Sweetwater, Oct. 29.—The government opened its branch weather bureau station at the municipal airport here last week and weather report service on the southern transcontinental air route got under way. The station is in charge of H. H. Hester

of the Dallas office of the United States Weather Bureau, and is being operated twenty-four hours daily. Sweetwater reports go to each station on the air route between Fort Worth and El Paso.

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior Class of '32—Mrs. R. B. Irvin, sponsor.

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Editor-in-Chief—Ida Mae Derstine. Sports Editor—Willie Evelyn Boaz.
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 Society Editor—Mary Elizabeth Grimes. Joke Editor—Cephas Wozencraft.

B. O. G. S. CLUB.

The B. O. G. S. club met, for the first time, Wednesday, Oct. 14, to celebrate "Columbus's Day."

The president, Walderine Huskey, called the house to order and the secretary, Mary Olive Simpson, called the roll, to which all answered with a city, river, state or poem named for Columbus.

The following program was given: Toast to Columbus, Walderine Huskey.

Reading, Mary Nell Douglas. Early life of Columbus, Clara B. White.

Song, "Columbus the Gem of the Ocean," Frances Adcock, Mary Olive Simpson, Annie Lee Owen and Eloise Manscill.

Reading, Annie Lee Owen.

Play—"Columbus and his Followers," Lowell Vickers, Leo Harris, Annie Lee Owen, J. R. Higgins, Rogene Dye, C. J. Pace, Kennedy Whiteley, Kenneth Cribley and Evelyn Robertson.

Reading, Doris Clyde Miller. Song, "Texas, Our Texas," class. Candy was served for refreshments.

TOAST TO COLUMBUS.

Hail, Columbus! This toast to you is in memory of 1492
 When you discovered this land—Oh, we all know the story.
 Oh, if you could only see it today, I ponder—I wonder just what you would say,
 And what you would think when you saw our old glory?

Oppressed and failed on every side
 By unbelief and scorn and pride
 You had not the assurance of a single friend
 For they all only said, "you're lying."
 You hadn't a friend, but you kept on trying
 'Till at last a good queen her money did lend.

Your cowardly crew sincere courage did lack,
 At the Sea of Sargasso they would have turned back;
 Your staunch heart, alone, kept those ships headed west.
 'Till the cry of "Land Ho!" rang out loud and clear
 'Twas a joyous sound to each sailor's ear,
 And what a thrill to your heart for so long in distress.

To you we owe our glad homes
 And the freedom of our sunny land
 But for you we'd still think that This round earth was flat
 Then here's to Columbus, may his name
 Live on through the ages ever the same,
 And may his memory ne'er die
 'Till this round earth is flat.
 —Walderrine Huskey.

PEP SQUAD NEWS.

Every member of the pep squad showed his loyal support at the Anson-Merkel game Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 27th. Every one was ready to stand on the side line and cheer the Badgers on to victory. The chief objective of the pep squad is to cheer the team they love.

Members of the girl's pep squad were dressed in purple and gold dresses, which made the Merkel pep squad come into the floodlights. At the half a clever stunt was done. The girls formed an "M" in a most unusual way, and the boys formed an "H" and "S"; thereby forming an "M. H. S." on the field.

Members of this group are to be commended upon their loyal support to the team. Each person ready to do his part, and each ready to cheer on a player, are the things that make a pep squad worth while. Although the weather was not as favorable Tuesday as it could have been, the pep squad did not lose any pep, but they yelled all the harder.

PERSONALS.

Miss Carrie Coffey, fifth grade teacher, spent the week-end at Vernon visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. R. A. Burgess went to Lamesa Sunday, where he was one of the pall bearers at Mrs. Christopher's funeral.

THE IMPORTANT "THAT'S."

—That the Seniors ordered their rings and will get them about Thanksgiving.

—That West Texas is not so dry as it is supposed to be.

—That "A" in physical education

means awful, "B" means bright, and "C" means cute.

—That Julia can blush.

—That Nelle and Mary Elizabeth cannot find any meanness to get into.

—That everyone has come to the conclusion that David Gamble is conceited.

—That Billie Bernice Gambill is cute.

—That there are some very brilliant people in the Senior class.

—That Cade went barefooted the other day when it rained.

—That Paul Collins was tried for murder.

—That Mr. Riddle admits that he is a very brilliant teacher.

—That Mr. Riddle is going to sue the Badger Weekly for libel, because of the bright remarks about the American History class.

SAY, DID YOU KNOW.

—That it has lately been proved that horned toads can be sent through the mail?

—That business arithmetic would be easy for H. C. Toombs if only addition, subtraction, multiplication and division were left out?

—That Mrs. Irvin is determined that the Juniors and Seniors shall learn the difference between a non-restrictive and a restrictive clause?

—That Bartholomew Diaz, according to the students of American history, did more than any other one man has ever been known to do?

—That "Bud" Toombs is really smart, but so far he has managed to keep the fact a secret?

—That Kennedy Whiteley, Kenneth Cribley, Neil Durham and Bernice Tucker started to Breckenridge last Sunday night, but someone changed their minds for them before they got there?

—That Mr. Riddle tries to teach American history?

—That Marshall carries Sis's "pep hat" around with him?

—That Monta Moore makes speeches in chapel?

—That H. C. Toombs gives checks on his dad?

—That Marie studies about Marco Polo?

—That some Seniors painted the town "white" the other night?

JOKES.

Harry Boaz: "After all, fools make life amusing. When all the fools are dead, I don't want to be alive."

Rogene Dye: "Don't worry, you won't be."

B. F.: "Really, Mr. Riddle, I have often longed for the comforts of married life."

Mr. Riddle: "So have I."

Paul Collins: "Well, I just sold that fine new encyclopedia to Ross."

Isadore M.: "Why, I thought he already knew more than any encyclopedia."

Paul: "Yes, he admitted that but said he would get a thrill going through it and picking out all the errors."

"Kit" Carson: "If your brakes failed to work going down hill, what would you do?"

Gordon Murray: "Jump out and put a stone under the wheel."

JUNIOR NEWS.

The Junior class has been very busy the past week and has not had a class meeting. The color committee has not turned in the class color but probably will before long. The Junior class is still in school. You will probably hear more interesting news from us in the future.

PEP SQUAD ENTERTAINS.

On last Tuesday evening, Oct. 27, the pep squad entertained the Merkel Badger team, their coach and the faculty with a weiner roast on the campus.

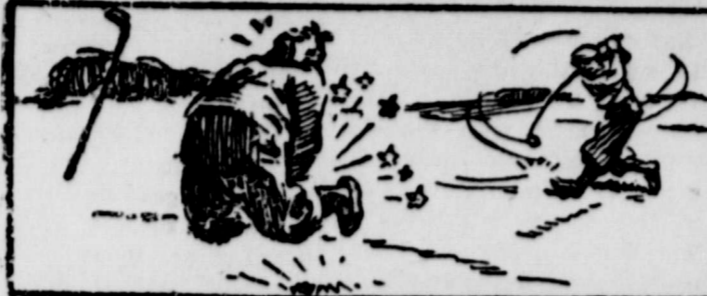
A large bonfire was the center of attraction throughout the evening. Everyone present secured himself a stick and roasted weiners and marshmallows. Toasts were given to the team for their excellent playing Tuesday afternoon, and each member of the team was congratulated for his loyal support to Merkel High school.

CONDOLENCE.

The Merkel High School faculty and student body wish to express our most sincere regrets and sympathies to our Grammar School principal, Mrs. Sublett, on the passing of her mother,

Some Golf Hazards—

By Albert T. Ridd



SO IT BECAME NECESSARY TO WRITE INSURANCE TO COVER GOLF RISKS



Mrs. Christopher. Mrs. Christopher died in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Stuart, Saturday, Oct. 24, 1931.

THE SENIORS.

The Seniors met Thursday, Octo-

ber 15, to select their colors, flower and motto. The colors selected were orchid and green with the sweet pea for the flower. The motto selected was "Row-

ing, not Drifting," and the Seniors intend to live up to this motto.

Last Tuesday, Mr. Taylor of the Star Engraving company took the measurements for the Seniors' rings.

SPEND... And Save Money

Not so long ago a famous personage advised the American public "to spend." Another equally noted man retorted with the advice "save." Perhaps both were right, but the better policy would seem to be "spend wisely in order to save."

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Read the advertisements, that you may spend wisely—and save.

The pages of this newspaper carry the advertisements of reliable merchants and reliable manufacturers. Read them—take advantage of the opportunities they offer.

The order is to be sent off Tuesday, October 27. The Seniors are looking forward to the arrival of their rings, which will come about Thanksgiving.

PEP RALLY AT CHAPEL.

The Pep Squad was in charge of chapel, Tuesday, October 27. They gave several yells and sang some songs. J. B. Moore acted as messenger boy and gave Mr. Burgess and Coach Irvin their invitations to the weiner roast. Several members of the football team and faculty gave short talks. If you don't believe this school has pep just come to one of our pep rallies—the public is cordially invited.

John Drinkwater's collection of United States stamps was sold in London recently for \$7500.

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BURIAL RITES IN LOS ANGELES

Mrs. Fannie Belle Christopher
Passes Away at Home of
Daughter in Lamesa.

Burial rites were held in Los Angeles, Calif., Wednesday, for Mrs. Fannie Belle Christopher, 58, wife of T. H. Christopher, pioneer resident of Merkel. Interment was in San Gabriel cemetery, in a beautiful burial park overlooked by the eternal mountains. Mrs. Christopher died Saturday, October 24, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Stuart, in Lamesa, having been taken there from a Lubbock sanitarium where she had been since August 16. For the past three years she had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Len Sublett, in Merkel.

Funeral services were held at Lamesa Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the following ministers in charge: Rev. E. L. Yeats of Merkel, Rev. Billie Hines of Lamesa, Rev. C. A. Bickley of Lubbock, a cousin, and Rev. E. F. Cole of Lamesa. Mrs. Carl Roundtree sang "Near the Cross" and Miss Aattie Key sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Mrs. Clyde Brannon read Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar."

From Lamesa the body was accompanied to Los Angeles by a son, T. S. Christopher of Austin, assistant attorney general of Texas. Mr. Christopher, with four of his daughters and other members of the family, went by automobile. In the group were Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Len Sublett and Mrs. Harry McCandless and Mrs. Bryan McPherson of Los Angeles. Other children surviving Mrs. Christopher are C. E. Christopher, Mrs. B. A. Clark and Mrs. Earl Thornton, all of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Christopher, who was born July 15, 1873, near Beckville, Pecos county, Texas, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. and Mattie McNece Simpson, both of whom passed away at Merkel, her mother only last year. She had one brother, Charles Ferron Simpson, who died at Lubbock in 1920, also one sister, Mrs. Cora Simpson Hughes, who died in Merkel in 1900, Mrs. Christopher being the last member of her family.

She was married October 8, 1890, to Thomas Hollis Christopher at Nacogdoches, Texas, their 41st wedding anniversary having just passed. To this union nine children were born. One infant daughter preceded her in death. She was converted at an early age, and joined the Methodist church, of which she had always been an active member. During the last few years of her life, she was a great sufferer, but through it all she remained true to her faith in God.

Besides her husband and eight children, she is also survived by three nephews and one niece: Earl Hughes, Abilene; Carl Hughes, Merkel; John Simpson, Placerville, Calif., and Mrs. Walter Clark, Lubbock. John S. Hughes of Merkel, a brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes of Abilene attended the service at Lamesa, besides a large number of friends of the family from both Merkel and Abilene.

Active pall bearers were: R. A. Burgess, Eli Case, Herbert Patterson, W. F. Golladay, Bishop Hunter and Tyre Sublett, all of Merkel. Honorary pall bearers were: J. W. Bryant, D. B.

English, Tahoka, S. E. Cleveland, V. O. Key, J. L. Sypert, W. L. Marr, W. P. Davis and Jess Paulk, all of Lamesa.

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Important Meeting Salt Branch Club

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Mail want ads pay dividends.

Woman Must Give Her Age If She Wishes to Be Admitted to Bar

Oklahoma City, Oct. 29.—The Tulsa girl who wrote "Twenty-one-plus" in the "age" blank on her application for admission to the Oklahoma bar must be a good deal more specific if she wants to be a lawyer, the state board of examiners ruled Saturday. "She'll have to break down and confess or be no Portia," said Sam Williams, examining chairman, as they waited the arrival of 94 applicants for the bar examination here tomorrow.

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Jonathan, large, doz.	30c
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PINEAPPLE, R & W, No. 2 1-2 can	20c
DATES, R & W, pitted, package	17c
MINCE MEAT, R & W, package	11c
OATS, B & W, glassware, package	21c
CAKES, Chocolate covered, lb.	23c
FLOUR, R & W, 24 lb. sack 58c, 48 lb. sack	98c
BEANS, Pinto, 5 lbs	19c
SOAP, Palmolive, 1 pkg. beads free, 3 bars	23c
PEACHES, No. 2 1-2 Gold Bar, can	17c
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