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On the "Broadway of America"

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VICTOR IN FIRST CONFERENCE TILT OVER ANSON, 6-0

Boaz Plunged Over Tiger's Line In Third Quarter for Lone Touchdown; Both Sides Draw Frequent Penalties.

Led by the brilliant ball-carrying of Boaz and Durham and blocking of Smith and Gamble, Merke's Badgers swept to a 6-0 victory over the Anson Tigers on the latter's gridiron Friday. Merkel's power on the offense was a surprise to the strongest supporters. The defense did not have much of a chance to show its "wares" as Merkel had possession of the ball most of the game.

Anson's most serious scoring threat ended on Merkel's 17 yard strip.

Merkel was inside Anson's 20 yard line four times, but was unable to score but once, for several reasons, one of which was a 15 yard penalty.

Tipton, left guard for Merkel, recovered a fumbled punt on Merkel's 45 yard line. Durham and Boaz carried the ball down the field to Anson's 2 yard line when Boaz plunged over for pay dirt.

The entire line played a good game; standouts were, Shannon, B. K. Carson, McAninch and Higgins.

Adcock, halfback, took Durham's place late in the fourth quarter. On the first play he intercepted a pass and carried it about 20 yards down the field. On the next play he took the ball, skirted his own left end for about 17 yards, but Merkel was offside and was penalized accordingly.

Gamble, playing his second game as quarterback, led his team to a gain of 155 yards to Anson's 66 yards.

McCable and Fulgham were the

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Play is Presented by Abilene BYPU at Blair

"The Life of the First American Missionaries in India," sponsored by the Senior B. Y. P. U. of Immanuel Baptist church at Abilene, was presented Sunday night at the Blair Baptist church.

Under the direction of Miss Maude Conklin, the following cast appeared: Irene Flanagan, Ann Hasseltine; Emmett Brown, Adoniram Judson; Elizabeth Sampson, Mrs. Hasseltine; Lolan Grissom, Mr. Hasseltine; Lois Sparks, Mary; Faye Guiley, Rebecca; Althea Bristler, Abby; Robert Heath, Burmese nurse; Clinton Anderson, Mr. Rice; singers, Allene Smithes and Lorene Flanagan; pianist, Opal Jo Derr; curtain boys, Mr. Heath and J. C. Elliott.

Attends Synod Meeting. Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, left on the early Thursday morning train for Denton to attend the sessions of synod. He is chairman of the board of foreign missions. Synod was to open Thursday night.

COACH IRVIN'S BADGERS MEET BULLDOGS NEXT

Local Gridiron Warriors Will Enter Stamford Game Probably Stronger Than They Were Against Anson.

The Badgers will face the Bulldogs as strong as, or maybe stronger than they were against Anson. Merkel received no serious injuries and all players with the exception of one are in excellent condition. Jack West will be out of the game because of his bad knee.

Stamford, winner of the eastern half of this district last year, is reported to have a strong and heavy team; if this is true, the game Friday is likely to be a hard battle for the light Badgers. According to statistics, Stamford is reported about 13 points better than Merkel. However, statistics and "dope" are not always right.

According to local fans, the team this year is the best since the days of "Sot" Boaz, Ashby, Guitar, Tittle and Darsey. They are much lighter than some of the teams have been, but they train better, have better team work and are willing to fight.

Follow the Badgers to Stamford and see them win over an old rival!

Coupon of Value to Every Queen Patron

Another coupon offer is made this week by the management of the Queen Theatre. If you are a movie patron, it will pay you to look up the coupon elsewhere in this issue of The Mail, which will admit one person free with a paid adult admission ticket. The coupon is good for the Monday night showing of "State Trooper," starring Regis Toomey.

This is described as a picture full of thrilling action and one sure to please everybody.

The program of current attractions at the Queen is as follows:

Friday and Saturday—Tom Mix in "Flaming Guns," also Chapter 2 of "Gordon of Ghost City," with Buck Jones, and cartoon.

Monday and Tuesday—"State Trooper," with Regis Toomey; also "China Plate."

Wednesday and Thursday—"Circus Star Queen," with all star cast, and "Mickey's Orphans."

Ollie Sanders Seriously Ill.

After having been able to go for a drive on Thursday of last week, Ollie Sanders was again taken seriously ill. He was reported Thursday morning as slightly improved. A daughter, Mrs. J. C. White, of Sacramento, Calif., has come to be at his bedside.

Will Preach at Noodle.

W. G. Cypert will preach at the Church of Christ at Noodle next Sunday at 11 o'clock. All are invited to hear him.

JOHNSON URGES ADVERTISING IN BUYING CAMPAIGN; TIME NOW AT HAND TO PUSH SALES

Washington, Oct. 5.—A declaration that the "flat wallet era" is ended was made by Hugh S. Johnson, NRA director, in a letter made public Wednesday urging leading manufacturers and advertisers to participate actively in the "now is the time to buy" campaign starting next week.

Presenting statistics to show mounting employment and payrolls, the administrator added that "we believe the opportune moment is at hand for American industry to bend every effort toward increased sales."

Johnson's letter to manufacturers said in part:

"American industry must help the public to find the goods it needs. The modern method is advertising. The modern public looks to advertising for news of good merchandise and good values.

"In order to increase sales at the

present moment, we believe that two courses of action are absolutely essential. They are: First, give the public attractive, up to date merchandise, fairly priced, and second, aggressively promote your products to the public."

Advertising, both by national firms and by distributors and retailers is the chief instrument the administration has chosen to push the buying campaign.

All local NRA committees have been asked to obtain either a proclamation from the mayor or a statement signed by outstanding citizens setting aside the next three months as "a time during which all the resources, patriotism and cooperative spirit of your community be mobilized to translate into permanence the progress already made in the NRA Blue Eagle campaign and to make a further advance on the road back to prosperity."

LEGION SHELVES BONUS PROBLEM

Plans Center on Program for Disabled: Restoration of Benefits to This Class Asked.

Chicago, Oct. 5.—The American Legion had before it Thursday a plan of veterans' relief that concentrated on "full benefits" for the disabled and disregarded demands for immediate payment of the bonus.

Passed unanimously by the legion's rehabilitation committee, a four point program for aiding ex-service men—a plan drafted by a national committee and already approved by 43 state departments—was ready to be placed before the convention.

Except for declaring every ex-service man entitled to federal hospitalization at any time and for any cause, the program deals only with those veterans whose ailments date back to injuries suffered or diseases contracted during actual military service.

No provision is made for compensation payments to veterans beset by illness, injuries or economic troubles since the end of the war. Under the plan free hospitalization would be the only government grant to them.

However, for the wounded, injured or diseased in military service, the plan would restore all benefits removed or reduced under the economy act of last March, which trimmed \$300,000,000 a year from such payments. Widows and orphans likewise would be provided for as they were prior to the economy act.

Seven From Merkel Attend Auxiliary

Seven women from the Merkel church attended the annual one-day session of the auxiliary to the Sweetwater Baptist association, which was held at the University Baptist church in Abilene Wednesday and at which 250 members gathered.

Those going from here were: Mrs. A. R. Booth, president of the local auxiliary, and Mesdames T. E. Collins, O. R. Dye, C. R. Joyner, Nan Causseaux, W. V. Crawford and E. R. Clack, the latter of Tye.

Total Ginnings Here Reach Figure 7,763

The week's cotton receipts up to Wednesday afternoon, as tabulated by The Mail from reports of ginnings of the seven plants in Merkel and those at Blair, Stith and Noodle, were 3,254 bales.

The season's total to date for the same gins is 7,763 bales. Last year up to the same time only 1,460 bales had been ginned.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson, residing south of Trent, Thursday, September 28, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goza, residing north of town, Wednesday, October 4, 1933.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK DESIGNATED HERE, OCT. 8-14

Mayor Elliott in Proclamation Urges Citizens to Remove Fire Hazards and Continue City's Good Record.

Designating the week of October 8th to 14th as "Fire Prevention Week" in this city, Mayor W. M. Elliott has issued a proclamation stressing the importance of extreme carefulness in preventing fires and taking all precautions possible to clean up and rid the city of all fire hazards.

It is estimated that the destruction of property by fire in America has reached the enormous annual loss of 500 million dollars, the mayor's statement recites, and "far more serious than the burning of property values is the toll of human life and personal injuries by fire that amount to several thousand each year."

City Marshal P. P. Dickinson, as fire marshal adds his urgent plea for citizens and property owners to clean up all fire hazards, check flues and gas connections, with winter coming on, and to have all electrical wiring examined. "It is a matter of some pride," says Perry Dickinson, "that Merkel has had no fire loss to report in the past 60 days."

Minus the prefatory paragraphs, the mayor's proclamation reads:

"Now, therefore, I, W. M. Elliott, Mayor of the city of Merkel, in cooperation with the nation-wide movement for the elimination of preventable fire waste, do hereby designate October 8th to 14th, 1933, as Fire Prevention Week in this city.

"On those days let our civic and commercial organizations, school officers and teachers, and our people as a whole, arrange meetings and exercises for the study of our fire problems, as well as to impress the seriousness of the wastage caused by fire, and the need for utmost care for the protection of life and property. During Fire Prevention Week let a complete inspection be conducted of the entire city for the purpose of locating and removing fire dangers, and let us thereafter, individually and collectively, make the prevention of fire a part of our daily routine."

Granddaughter Arrives.

S. F. Haynes has received a message from his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ferguson, of Gainesville, announcing the arrival of an eight-pound girl in their home. Mrs. Ferguson will be remembered as Miss Gladys Haynes.

BRUCE BARTON

...writes of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"

Supplying a week-to-week inspiration for the heavy-burdened who will find every human trial paralleled in the experiences of "The Man Nobody Knows."

THE MASTER.

So we come up to the end. To the final tests of a man's living—

How does he bear disappointment?

How does he die?

For two years it seemed almost certain that Jesus would prevail. He himself was sure of it. We have marked the dramatic success with which his work began. We have watched the crowds flock about him in the market-place; we have heard the cheers that greeted his victories over shrewd antagonists, and the murmured awe when a sick man rose and walked.

Reports of his triumphs preceded him everywhere so that men competed for the honor of being his host, and there was friendliness in his audiences that made almost anything seem possible. And why not? If, by accepting his message, men could be lifted up, transformed into sons of God, heirs of eternity, why should any be so stubborn or so foolish as to oppose? Surely such Truth must conquer.

If you read the story carefully you can see how his tone and manner grew in confidence. In hours of exalted communion he stood face to face with God, felt his own sonship, knew that he could lift the hearts of men as no other had ever lifted them. The knowledge thrilled him with ecstasy. "I am the Way," he cried, and he called on his friends to free themselves, to cast their burdens upon the Lord, to believe more, rejoice more, expect more of God. Those who listened in those days were profoundly impressed. Even the most callous yielded grudging admiration. "Never man so spake," said they. As far the multitude, its enthusiasm would brook no half way measures. They would take him by force and make him king.

Then came the change.

His home town was first to turn against him. Picture, if you will, the enthusiasm with which he planned his visit to it. Nazareth was little and despised, a jest among the wits of the day. When he healed a sick man in Capernaum, it pleased him to think that the report would be carried back to Nazareth. When he drove the plunderers from the Temple he realized that, in the fame which had come to him, his home town would have a share. He had lifted the little village out of obscurity. And now, in the height of his glory, he was going back.

Next Week: Facing Defeat.

VOLUNTEERS IN NRA DRIVE TURN IN 320 PLEDGES

Splendid Response Recorded in House to House Canvas to Enlist Consumers in Support of Blue Eagle Members.

Three hundred and twenty consumers' pledge cards were turned in by the committees of women volunteer workers under the direction of Mrs. R. A. Burgess in the house to house canvass Monday to secure signatures to pledge cards from consumers agreeing to "support and patronize employers and workers who are members of NRA."

The report of such a large number of signers is considered most gratifying in a place no larger than Merkel, especially when it is taken into consideration that a number were not at home when the volunteer workers called.

Mrs. Burgess, as general chairman, was assisted by the following district chairmen and co-workers:

North side, Mrs. George Woodrum, chairman; committee, Mesdames Stanley King, John Dunn, Floyd Newberry and George T. Moore.

South side, east of Oak street, Miss Missie Dye, chairman; committee, Misses Vera and Maimie Walker.

South side, west of Oak street, Mrs. O. R. Dye, chairman; committee, Misses Maurine Tipton, Dorris Durham, Johnnie Sears, Loyce Dry, Iris Garrett, Ola Smith, Mary Parrish, Joyce Wheeler, Marie Stanford and Mesdames Wade Campbell and Ross Wheeler.

Dee Grimes is chairman of the group of three from the NRA general committee, who had been assigned to arrange for the consumers' pledge card drive. Others on the committee are Fred Hughes and Warren Smith.

COMMUNITY CHAIRMEN.

Acceptances have been received from five men who were asked to serve as volunteer chairmen in their respective school districts in communities surrounding Merkel.

Those who have accepted and will push the campaign to secure pledge cards in their school districts are:

Elm Grove, Charles Orr.
I. X. L. Clyde Latimer.
Mt. Pleasant, D. J. Curb.
Mulberry, W. L. Barnett.
Blair, Ernest Rogers.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, October 3, 1913.)

Jim Bryson of Dora attended to business in Merkel Tuesday.

T. H. Christopher was in Abilene Tuesday.

Jack Provine was in Abilene Wednesday on business.

Mrs. E. C. Riney left Monday for Abilene where she will visit her son, W. A. Riney, for a few days.

Raymond Touchstone was a social caller in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler of Noodle were shopping in our city Tuesday.

Miss Susie Penn was visiting in Abilene the first of the week.

Mrs. W. H. Gilliland left Tuesday for Eastland to visit her daughter, Mrs. Bob Phillips.

A business meeting of the Baptist Baraca class was held Tuesday evening in the home of Miss Eva Gaddy. The officers for the next quarter are: W. E. Brittain, president; Sam Swann, vice president; Robert Hicks, secretary and treasurer; Jack Walker, press reporter. This was a

very enthusiastic one... each pledging loyalty to the class.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jenkins and daughters left this week for Dallas where they will make their future home.

Miss Helen Weir spent Wednesday in Abilene.

Mrs. Davenport Gaither spent Monday in Abilene.

W. Stith of Abilene was in our little city Monday on business.

Parker Hendrix and Cecil Humphry were social callers in Merkel Sunday.

When out for a drive with your girl, don't be deprived of the pleasures of a kodak when you can rent them for 25 cents a day. (Lady ask about Nylo.) Rust and McCauley Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore left Wednesday afternoon for Sierra Blanca to visit their daughter, Mrs. L. P. Jones.

Mrs. G. M. Williams and Mrs. Jno. M. Rice and children visited friends in Abilene Sunday.

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cards of thanks, etc., are classed as
advertising, and will be charged for
at 1c per word.

DORA DOINGS

As the saying goes, everybody is
busy at our house; picking cotton and
ginning are the main features, with
feed saving for the dads that're too
old to pick cotton. The whole commu-
nity is thronged with pickers and both
gins are running practically day and
night.

We are indeed sorry to report Mrs.
Bailey Whisenhunt improving very
slowly after an attack of flu.

Miss Novis J. Whiteaker made a
business trip to Merkel Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Elliott of
Sweetwater were visiting his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott, Sunday.

The ball game at the Divide Sun-
day between the Mexican team and
the American team, was a scream
from start to finish, the Americans
winning by a small margin.

Mr. and Mrs. McSpadden and Wil-
burn Lewis and family visited the
Price family at Merkel last Sunday.

W. G. Oliver is still confined to his
bed and has been since last Christmas.
His condition is no better.

Mrs. H. West of White Church is
spending the week here with her daugh-
ter, Mrs. Cliff Perry, and a son,
John Dudley.

Well, this is all we remember for
this time. The writer had had her ton-
sils removed, is a telephone operator
and cooks for some gin hands and is
a busy person in general, but will try
to write more next time.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carey and fam-
ily made a business trip to Abilene
Saturday.

Mrs. M. A. Douglas had as her
week-end guests her son, J. A. Dou-
glas, and grandson, Lynn Douglas, of
Sidney.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Inman visited
Mrs. Inman's parents Sunday, who
live near Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jones were
week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hus-
ton Clark.

The Union Ridge school started
Monday, with Mrs. C. V. Shelton and
Miss Estelle Terry, teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jones and Miss
Cruth of Phoenix, Ariz., were recent
visitors in the E. M. Dean home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker were Sun-
day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor
Campbell of Mulberry.

CARD OF THANKS.

To all our friends who were so kind
and helpful in the illness and death of
our beloved son and brother, we want
to express our heartfelt thanks; to
Brother W. G. Cypert we are indeed
grateful for his kind words and we
also want to thank the singers and
especially the fourth grade room and
teachers for the beautiful floral offer-
ings.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Melton and
Daughters.

O. E. S. NOTICE.

The Eastern Star will have a cake
sale Saturday, October 7, in front of
Max Mellinger's store. All members
are requested to bring a cake before 1
p. m.

Iris Garrett, Secretary.

R & R PALACE

Sweetwater

Saturday

Preston Foster-Zita Johann
"MAN WHO DARED"
He blazed a trail of terror
through a City's Underworld.

Sunday-Monday

Norman Foster
Heather Angel
"PILGRIMAGE"
The new season's biggest
thrill—Talked about by every
one who's seen it.

Tuesday-Wednesday

Another New Palace
Screen Triumph
"VOLTAIRE"
With the one and only
GEORGE ARLISS
We think this is his Greatest
characterization.

RURAL SOCIETY

BUSY BEE CLUB.

The Busy Bee club met Thursday
afternoon with Mrs. L. B. McClain.
Those present were Mesdames Joe
Jaynes, Will Higgins, Nim Teaff, Ho-
bart McClain, Guy McClain, W. C.
Lee, Misses Salena Teaff and Celia
Hester and Mrs. Opal Riley, a visitor.

The next meeting will be with Miss
Celia Hester on October 12. The fol-
lowing program is to be given:

Roll call—"How I teach my child
the value of money."

"Thrift, its real meaning," Mrs.
Roy Harrell and Mrs. H. B. Robert-
son.

"How we learn thrift from our
children," Mrs. M. H. Ely and Mrs.
Will Higgins.

"Should we pay our children for
work done in the home?" Mrs. Joe
Jaynes.

"An allowance for children," round
table discussion.

The club will hold the annual elec-
tion of officers on Oct. 26. Miss Cham-
bers is going to be with us on Nov. 9
for "achievement day."

NOODLE H. D. C. NOTES.

The Noodle Home Demonstration
club is progressing nicely and a great
deal of interest is being shown by
club members. This enthusiasm and
increase in interest was manifested
by recent accomplishments in pantry
work, as displayed in the Jones Coun-
ty food exhibit at Anson Sept. 29-30.
The Noodle club had the largest ex-
hibit by far and won more distinction
than any other club, 24 ribbons being
brought home by them.

These displaying canned foods, con-
sisting of canned vegetables, canned
fruits, preserves, jellies, etc., and
canned meat and poultry, ribbons
were Mesdames E. P. Pason, L. R.
Cade, A. L. Cade, Carl Bonneaux, V.

E. Spurgin, Carl Jackson and V. L.
Merritt.

Our next meeting will be at the
school building on October 10.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Mrs. J. Ben Campbell has received
the sad news of the death of her
grandmother, Mrs. Joe Slagle, at
Monktown, Texas, Sunday morning.
Mrs. Slagle was 86 years old but, de-
spite her advanced years, had contin-
ued to lead a very active life.

Bill Hutchins, who received a head
injury in a fall at the Southtex Re-
finery early Monday morning, was
carried to the Baptist sanitarium in
Abilene for treatment. His father, C.
D. Hutchins, reported late Wednesday
that he was doing very well.

Besides Miss Berdelle Adcock, who
has been previously mentioned as at-
tending Abilene Christian college this
year, other students from Merkel are:
Miss Leona Sosebee and Carl Bush,
Miss Marjorie Adrian from Trent is

also a student at A. C. C.

Owing to the fact that the former
Blue Front station, north of
"M" System, has been re-opened by
G. L. Price, J. J. Barron has changed
the name of the Blue Front Service
station on Front street to the Barron
Motor company.

COMING.

Kennedy Sisters—the show you all
know. Watch for the date.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c
each at Merkel Mail office.

Why Hospitals Use
a Liquid Laxative

Hospitals and doctors have always
used liquid laxatives. And the public
is fast returning to laxatives in liquid
form. Do you know the reasons?

The dose of a liquid laxative can be
measured. The action can be con-
trolled. It forms no habit; you need
not take a "double dose" a day or
two later. Nor will a mild liquid
laxative irritate the kidneys.

The right liquid laxative brings a
perfect movement, and there is
no discomfort at the time, or after.

The wrong cathartic may keep
you constipated as long as you keep
on using it! And the habitual use of
irritating salts, or of powerful drugs
in the highly concentrated form of
pills and tablets may prove injurious.

A week with a properly prepared
liquid laxative like Dr. Caldwell's
Syrup Pepsin will tell you a lot. A
few weeks' time, and your bowels
can be "as regular as clockwork."
Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is an
approved liquid laxative which all
druggists keep ready for use. It makes
an ideal family laxative; effective for
all ages, and may be given the
youngest child. Member N. R. A.

Kidneys bother you?
Doan's Pills

SPECIAL
LOW FARES
to
Dallas
for the
STATE FAIR
OF TEXAS
Dallas, Oct. 7-22

\$2.75
Round
Trip

For trains arriving Dallas
before 3:30 P. M. each SUN-
DAY during the Fair. Lim-
ited to leave Dallas same date.

ALSO

WEEK-END RATES—
Approximately 1c per mile
(distance traveled). For trains
arriving each SATURDAY
and before 3:30 PM each
SUNDAY during the Fair,
limited to leave Dallas be-
fore midnight following
Monday.

ALSO

Season limit tickets at slightly
higher fares. On sale daily,
October 6th to 21st, inclusive.
Limited to leave Dallas be-
fore midnight October 25th.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS
OCTOBER 19th
Vice President Garner and Postmas-
ter General Farley are scheduled to
speak at The State Fair of Texas,
Thursday, October 19th. The In-
augural Legal Fall Race Meet at
Arlington Downs will also open on
this date. A round trip rate of ONE
CENT PER MILE will be author-
ized to Dallas for all trains arriving
Thursday, October 19th. Limited to
leave Dallas not later than Sunday,
October 22nd.

For details consult
TICKET AGENT
The Texas and Pacific Railway



COZY DAYS AHEAD



for HOMES HEATED WITH
IMPROVED GAS APPLIANCES

It's time to think of comfort, to plan so that when winter winds begin
to blow, your home will be a haven of warmth—a cheerful, cozy place
where raw chill is barred from every room—a place where the whole fam-
ily can enjoy life comfortably, luxuriously.

You can modernize your home heating most easily these days, with
so many improved types of gas heat-
ing appliances at your command.

There are floor furnaces that re-
quire only a small space beneath the
floor, yet heat large areas efficiently.
There are circulators that provide
healthful, circulating warm air for
rooms that are hard to heat. There
are individual gas steam radiators,
manufacturing steam heat on the
spot. For the larger home, there are
gas-fired central heating plants that
circulate warmth all over the house,
and gas conversion burners to mod-
ernize old heating systems. And there
are many styles of improved space
heaters ranging from the simplest

You'll find a wide variety of modern gas
heating appliances at your gas appliance
dealer or your gas company. Either will be
glad to give you dependable advice on any
home heating problem.

Community Natural Gas Co.
LONE STAR
GAS SYSTEM

WHISPERING ROCK

by JOHN LEBAR



EIGHTH INSTALLMENT.

Synopsis: Ruth Warren, who lived in the East, is willed three-fourth interest in the "Dead Lantern" ranch in Arizona by her only brother who is reported to have met his death while on business in Mexico. Arriving in Arizona with her husband who has ailing lungs and their small child, they learn that the ranch is located 85 miles from the nearest railroad. Old Charley Thane, rancher and rural mail carrier agrees to take them to the "Dead Lantern" gate, 5 miles from the ranch house. As they trudge wearily through a gulch approaching the ranch house, a voice whispers "Go back! . . . Go back!". At the ranch house they are greeted suspiciously by the gaunt rancher partner, Snavelly, and Indian Ann, a herculean woman of mixed negro and Indian blood. Snavelly is difficult to understand but regardless, Ruth takes up the task of trying to adjust their lives to the ranch and its development. Kenneth, Ruth's husband, caught in chilling rain contracts pneumonia and passes away before a doctor arrives. Ruth tries to carry on.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

Ruth had backed to the door. As Snavelly ceased speaking, he slowly settled into his chair; slowly the fingers of his right hand began to rub his forehead.

"I'll take the money," breathed Ruth and ran out of the room.

She entered the adobe and stood for several minutes just inside the door, her hand on the crib against the wall. She trembled so that she could hardly stand. After a time, she stepped beyond the bed beneath the window and seated herself, chin on palm, her eyes on the strip of far horizon seen through the doorway. Her face was white and the four fingers of the hand beneath her chin were pressed in a new against her lips. The sun had set; shadows, raced into the valley, the grindstone by the kitchen David's small voice determinedly gained something to Sugarfoot.

With her eyes still on the skyline, she went to the doorway. Part of that great expanse of land belonged to her. The rolling pasture lands to the east might extend forever, for any sign of boundary. Behind her, she knew, the ranch extended to the mountain tops—acres and acres, grass, trees, canons, hills . . . Old Charley had spoken as though the Dead Lantern was a wonderful ranch—feed enough for two thousand head—forty thousand dollars a year. But suppose he was wrong, suppose even, that the ranch could be made to earn only a quarter of that—the very amount she had just agreed to take for her entire interest. What would she and David do when that money was gone? Then David would have to go to work. His inheritance could have been a fine cattle ranch, a wholesome life out of doors, a good education, and a reasonable number of opportunities afterward.

Suppose she fought down her pride. Ruth could imagine how her stepmother would smile over such a letter. Pride . . . Ruth had always been proud; how high she had held her head that day she had left home to go to Kenneth. No, she could not beg to be taken back, but perhaps she could write a business letter to her father.

For a long time Ruth stood in the doorway, her eyes following David as he played with Sugarfoot. Yes, she would write the letter; what was pride compared with that pudgy-cheeked little being? But, oh, that terrible man in the ranch house! Where was the strength to fight her fear?

Ann left the ranch house on the path which led to the barn. The giantess eyed Ruth curiously.

"Hello, Ann," Ruth smiled undecidedly.

The huge woman paused, "Mr. Snavelly says to git out the buckboard—I'm going to take you-all over to Thane's place so's you kin go in with him tomorrow."

Ruth put out her hand as though begging for time. The hand trembled. Slowly she stood up. "N-no, Ann." The girl walked swiftly past her and entered the living room. "Mr. Snavelly," she called.

The door of Snavelly's bedroom opened at once and he looked out.

"I'm sorry, but I've changed my mind"—Ruth chilled as she spoke—"I don't want to go back on my word—I can't help it. The money you offered me wouldn't be enough. I must have a steady income—something I can depend on for years. Don't you see? I've just got to stay here and make this ranch pay. I'm writing East

for capital. I—if you'd help, I'm sure—" She paused then straightened and said clearly, "Mr. Snavelly, this is all I have; it's all my son can ever have from me or his father. I've got to make it a big ranch. I'm going to stay!"

Snavelly did not move, nor did he make a sound; with pale eyes contracted to slits, he looked at the girl for a moment, then his head withdrew and the door closed swiftly.

Breakfast the next morning was a silent affair. Snavelly seemed wholly absorbed with his food, but there was a tenseness about his every movement. As she was leaving the room, Snavelly looked up. "Any time you get enough of this here place an' want to take me up on that deal, jest say so."

She paused and tried to smile. "Thank you, I shall remember. But first I'm going to see what can be done with capital—I'm writing East this morning."

"What if you don't git it?"

"Well—perhaps then we can make some other arrangement. Mr. Snavelly—if I am successful—I wonder—would you sell me your quarter interest? I'd like to know the value you set on it—"

Snavelly took three slow steps to the girl's side. "I told you yesterday," he said tensely, "that I didn't want no money."

Again the girl forced herself to smile. "All right; the ranch will need you badly, of course. If we do obtain capital, it will have to be spent by some one who understands what improvements should be made."

The man nodded, then said easily, "You goin' down to the box? I'll be ridin' that way—I can take your letter for you. Today's the day the mail goes in."

"Thank you—but I haven't had a ride for weeks. I think David and I will go."

"You won't get there in time—with the boy. Thane'll be goin' past inside of an hour. Better let me have it."

Ruth hesitated. "Thank you," she smiled, "perhaps it would be best for you to take it—if it isn't out of your way. I'll get the letter. But please catch my horse for me; I think I'll take a ride anyway."

She hurried to the adobe. Snavelly following. Her letter lay upon the table. For a moment she regarded it thoughtfully, but she picked it up and going to the door gave it to Snavelly with another word of thanks.

Ten minutes after he had ridden along the southern bank of the gulch, Ruth mounted her horse and followed. Tucked in her blouse was another letter to the Dempster Grays. This letter, which she had just written was a duplicate of the one she had given Snavelly.

She left David with Ann. She hoped she wouldn't meet Snavelly but, if so, she could say that she had forgotten something in the first letter. Perhaps he would take her letter to the mail box; but he had seemed too eager . . . She knew that he would rather not secure capital for the ranch.

Ruth saw no sign of Snavelly. Nor, when she reached the box, had Snavelly been before her—there was nothing in the box but the tin can.

She determined to wait for Old Charley. She waited nervously for she was worrying about David. She had never left him before. . . She believed Ann would watch him carefully; but suppose she didn't? David could slip out of sight so easily. He might step on a snake; he might wonder what the fence around the old well concealed and find a way to crawl over.

Ruth tortured herself with such thoughts for half an hour more. Finally, after a long look around, she put the letter in the box, carefully placed the can on top as a signal to Old Charley to pick up the mail, and started back.

Five minutes after she had disappeared Snavelly rode out of a ravine three hundred yards north of the ranch road and galloped toward the mail box. He had just reached a brush-bordered gully, still some distance from the box, when Old Charley's car swooped over a hill on the

main road and disappeared at the bottom. The car would be at the box very soon.

Snavelly brought his horse to a sliding stop, forced it into the gully and dismounted.

A forty-five barked from the gully and a splinter flew from the top of the mail box. At the next shot the can fell to the ground.

Shortly after, Old Charley drove past, glancing at the bare top of the mail box. When he was quite gone Snavelly rode leisurely out of the gully.

For three consecutive Saturdays Ruth and her son were waiting at the mail box when Old Charley arrived. She was by this time expecting an answer to her letter. And though no letter came, Old Charley always managed to have a magazine or two, which, together with the newspaper for which Ruth had subscribed, made a welcome little bundle. The old man also saw that she received a small weekly devoted to Arizona cattle raisers.

But the most important part of these weekly meetings was the hour or so of conversation with the old man. For sixty years he had raised cattle in this part of the San Jorge Valley and he loved to "talk ranchin'."

Ruth progressed rapidly in her education from the aimless asking of questions to the brisk formation of plans. The talk often turned upon the building up of herds and ranch improvement. Old Charley seemed to know by instinct just what Ruth wanted to learn most. She learned that it is often possible to do much without capital; that one may even increase the quality and number of one's cattle without spending huge sums or becoming too artistic with a branding iron. Old Charley praised the "fine feed along the foothills there" with a gesture which included the whole Dead Lantern ranch.

These talks with the old man gave the girl new courage; she understood something of what she had to do; she saw her problem clearly. Old Charley had given her weapons with which to fight her battle; she was no longer quite so helpless.

She had avoided Snavelly and had not yet given him a hint of what she was learning. Later, she told herself, she would have suggestions to make; now she waited for the capital which did not come.

On the fifth Saturday since she had placed her letter in the box, Ruth and David were again waiting for Old Charley.

It was a great day for David—had he not ridden the entire distance on a spirited horse of his own, old Sanchez? And he had a new pair of chaps which his mother had made from the brown canvas of an old army cot. And last week mother had ordered some things which Uncle Charley was to get in town. The most important of these things was a small cowboy hat.

The eyes of both mother and son were anxiously focused far to the northeast, where a strip of brown road stood out on a small dun-colored hill. For Ruth, this was the last day of grace; a letter could have traveled twice to Philadelphia and back since that morning at the mail box.

Ten minutes after the car came over the hill, it appeared again a hundred yards down the road and the

horn gave its customary wheeze of salutation.

Ruth saw that Old Charley had a passenger—it must be his son, Will; she remembered that he was expected this week. A single glance told her that Will Thane was the first civilized person she had seen since leaving the East. It seemed years since she had seen a man in a tailored business suit, white shirt, an actual collar and tie. As they were introduced, she saw that he smiled exactly like his father. The young man seemed a silent, observant sort—not so very young either—she put him down as being on the other side of thirty.

"Any mail for—the Dead Lantern?" she asked Old Charley in a casual tone.

"Nothing but the papers. But I got all the stuff you wanted." He smiled, beginning to take packages from the machine. One of these, a roundish box of cardboard, he gave to David. After one look inside, David carried the box reverently to a rock some distance away. Then he seated himself, wrapped in a rosy nimbus of bliss, the hat covering his small knees. It even had a horsehair band!

(Continued Next Week.)

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Editor-in-Chief—Waldeline Huskey. Society Editor—Billy Gardner.
Assistant Editor—Rogene Dye. Sports Editor—Kennedy Whiteley.
Joke Editor—Jack West.

FOREWORD.

If we can record in these columns throughout the coming year the things that are of special interest or merit to the student body; if we can in any measure help to keep alive the splendid school spirit of Merkel High; if we can express to others the benefits and pleasures of our various organizations here or if we can send one ray of sunshine into shadow, we shall have fulfilled our purpose in publishing this paper; and we shall go on our way a little better for having worked together, a little happier for having accomplished an end.

WELCOME.

To all new students who are coming to Merkel High school this year, either on the bus or otherwise, we wish to extend our heartiest welcome and we hope that your experiences here may be as pleasant and helpful to you as our have always been to us.

We also take this opportunity to remind all ex-students that they can still read the welcome on the doormat.

SENIORS.

Monday, September 18, the Seniors met and elected David Gamble president. The other officers are: Jack West, vice president; Annie Lee Owen, secretary and treasurer; and Caribel Mansfield, reporter. With these officers and other members of the class which totals 50, the Senior class is going to go over big this year.

Then on Thursday, we met and elected the "Badger Weekly" staff. Waldeline Huskey was chosen for editor-in-chief; Rogene Dye, assistant editor-in-chief; Billy Gardner, society editor; Kennedy Whiteley, sports editor; and Jack West, joke editor. These editors, with the reporters from each class, should make a better paper than we've ever had. Let's hope so anyway.

THE JUNIORS.

We Juniors have not organized yet but expect to as soon as possible. We have a great many Juniors from rural schools and we are all working hard to make good grades.

The Juniors are proud of the fact that we have so many football boys and Pep Squad girls from the Junior class. The football captain, Milton Shannon, is also a Junior; so you see we are well represented. You'll be hearing from us again soon, so watch the "Badger Weekly."

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

School has begun again, and do we have some "smart" Sophs? At least some think they are smart. The study hall is full of "Fish" and "Sophs." There are also a great many smart "little" Fish who think they have grown up since they got in High school—but they will find out differently.

We have many students who come in on the bus and we also have a great many football boys and Pep Squad members. Many good resolutions have been made for the following year and we hope to have the best class in school. Our sponsor is Mr. Riddle. We don't have any news now as we are all too busy right at first, but you will hear from us later.

FRESHMAN NEWS.

There is a little secret feeling down in every Freshman's heart just now. Yes, you have guessed it—pride. Why should he not be proud? He has four good reasons:

1. The Badgers claim several of his classmates.
2. Freshmen girls are helping the Pep Girls.
3. Both girls and boys are working with the High School chorus.
4. Also, we have heard it whispered that a few "A's" have been made. The Freshmen are claiming their share, too.

The secret is out. Freshmen, let's live up to our reputation.

MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS.

The Choral club of Merkel High school was organized September 26, 1933. The following officers were elected: Helen Joyner, president; Clara Frances Largent, secretary; Anna Lou Church and Bessylea Church, reporters.

We have a large number of girls in our Choral club this year but we would like to have more. The bus brings a large number of girls and several girls are coming from other school districts. We would certainly be glad to have as many as could

join us, for we want to make this year's chorus the best in the history of Merkel High school.

Our new music has been ordered and it will be here soon, then we can begin our programs for chapel and other occasions.

DRAMATIC CLUB.

The Dramatic club was organized on Wednesday, September 20, in Mrs. Haynes' studio. There were about fifty members present. The new officers that were elected are: vice-president, Neil Durham; secretary-treasurer, Rogene Dye; reporters, Billy Gardner and Lois Whiteley.

The first entertainment committee has been selected and the next meeting will be early in October.

HIGH SCHOOL PEP SQUAD.

The Pep Squad girls met every afternoon the second week of school in order to become well organized. They decided to have their regular meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Unless there is a call meeting, please, we want every girl in the squad to be there on those days.

Friday night after the Clyde game, the Pep Squad girls entertained the football boys on the High school lawn with a picnic.

We only have about twenty-five members in our organization, and we want to urge that more girls join us to have a great deal of fun and to help win those football games.

CHAPEL PROGRAMS.

On Tuesday, September 19, the first chapel program of this season was held. Mrs. Haynes led the singing in which the entire student body took part. There were also several important announcements. We are looking forward to some real chapel programs this year.

What a baby Mary Frances Cook makes! And Clara Frances Largent makes a very charming mother. And Milton Shannon is—the blushing captain of the Badgers.

The Pep Squad had charge of the chapel program last Friday, September 22. Several yells and songs were given by the Pep Squad, and speeches were made by the Badgers.

BOYS' GLEE CLUB.

The organization plans for the Boys' Glee club have not been completed yet, although we hope to have them so by the end of the week. The enrollment this year is larger than any of the past few years.

With the number of new voices this year, we hope to make this the best Glee club of all, and under the direction of our most capable leader, Mrs. Haynes, we feel certain that we shall do so.

JOKES.

Mr. Riddle: "Have any of your childish hopes been realized?"

Mr. Burgess: "One, when my mother combed my hair I used to wish I didn't have any."

L. V. Moore (arrested for speeding): "But officer, I'm a high school student."

Mr. Dickinson: "Ignorance is no excuse."

The Senior class thought of Jack West as a humorist. He sent a dozen of his jokes to the "Badger Weekly." One day a letter arrived with the newspaper's address in the corner. Confidently, but with excitement thrilling through him, he opened it. The letter said:

"Dear Sir:—Your jokes received. Some we have seen before; some we have not seen yet."

A little mark in English, Put down in red ink, Put a football player Back upon the bench.

X-CLAMATIONS.

The Senior rings have been ordered!

Mr. Riddle skinned his head on a

Mary Frances Cook can't control her emotions!

Rogene wants to know if the Renaissance was a race of people!

The Pep Squad uniforms are ordered!

Len is an authority on dates!

Lois has a new boy friend!

The slimes want some fresh water!

A mustache would be becoming to Milton!

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

School opened Monday with a total enrollment of 136, 103 in Grammar school and 33 in High school.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell, pioneer settlers, celebrated their 40th anniversary Sunday, October 1, at their home five miles north of Trent. A lovely dinner was served and all the children were present, with only one daughter-in-law and one grandson absent. Those enjoying the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Phillips and daughters, Wilma Kate and Ivy Lou, of Big Lake; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smith and daughters, Willie Jean and Betty Jane, of Lubbock; Shelby Howell and son, Junior, of Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell and children, Maudine, Woody Brown, Doyle and Mary Sue; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winters and daughters, Edna Earle and Laverle; Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Owen and son, Jimmie; Mr. and Mrs. Tilman Howell and Pete, Bon, Bud, John and Ellis Howell, all of Trent; Mrs. J. E. Perkins, a friend, and her daughter, Lena, and son, J. E., and Lucille Crick and Raymond McAdams. Other relatives calling during the afternoon were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers and their son, Jack and Billie Jr., also Charles Bowers, of Abilene. Pictures were made and many happy events were recalled and discussed throughout the day.

Rev. W. H. Howell, being ill Sunday, was unable to fill his appointment, but Brother Hendon, a Simons student, very ably filled the pulpit at both the morning and evening services.

Elbert Rogers, who recently opened a meat market at Hermleigh, visited his family Sunday. The family plans to move there at an early date.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Dowdy and daughter were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Dowdy.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian have as their guests their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Wilkes, of Oklahoma.

Dr. and Mrs. Curry of Smily spent Friday and Saturday here, attending to business and visiting old friends.

Dorris Cox West of Merkel was a guest the latter part of the week of her grandparents, riding over on her pony. She was accompanied home Saturday afternoon by R. B. Johnson, Jr. and Billie Joe Bowers and the boys attended the picture show at Merkel.

Mrs. B. Edwards is moving her beauty shop to Hamlin. She will be located in the City Barber shop there.

Mrs. Bessie Billings and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rutherford of Abilene were here Monday to attend to business and visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. R. McLeod was called to Whitewright Sunday to attend the funeral of her father.

Mrs. Eva Parker and daughter have moved here from Sweetwater. Mrs. Parker has accepted work at Gus' Cafe.

Earl Rogers has accepted work with M. G. Scott grocery here and with his family are very comfortably located at the W. J. Armour home. They have as their guest his mother, Mrs. Jackson, of Whitewright.

Mrs. T. G. Hamner had as her guests Saturday her mother, Mrs. E. K. SoRelle, and sister, Mrs. John Rudd.

C. T. Bowers of Abilene was the week-end guest of his brother, J. E. Bowers, and family.

Mrs. A. C. Walsh attended the council meet of the club ladies at Abilene Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. A. Williamson left Saturday to spend a few days at Mineral Wells.

Mrs. C. T. Beckham and son, H. W., were visitors Sunday to Lamesa.

Miss Lena Laurie and Ted McClure of Abilene visited friends here Friday afternoon.

E. M. O'Kell and daughter, Miss Frances, of Abilene were guests Sunday of his son, Hurltell, and family.

Mrs. S. D. McLeod is the guest this week of her son, W. L. Dowdy, and family.

The club quilt will be given away Saturday afternoon. At the club meeting Thursday of last week Miss Chambers and Mrs. Guy McCarty of Abilene met with about 18 members and Mrs. McCarty taught how to make hot tamales and served them.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. McDoanld had as their week-end guests Mr. and Mrs. Tannie Jones, also a number of young people from Rule visited Elmer and Misses Odessa and Winnie. They were: Misses Adena and Leta Bell, Rock and Grady Ellis.

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Week-end rates of approximately one cent per mile, distance traveled, will be in effect throughout the Fair of Texas and Pacific trains arriving each Saturday and before 3:30 p. m. each Sunday. These tickets are limited to leave Dallas before midnight the following Monday. Season-limit tickets at slightly higher fares are on sale daily from October 6th to 21st inclusive, permitting the traveler to visit the State Fair at any time and leave Dallas on return trip up to midnight of Wednesday, October 25th.

Since Vice President Garner and Postmaster General Farley are scheduled to speak at the Fair October 19th, this same round trip rate of one cent per mile will be authorized for all trains arriving in Dallas on Thursday, October 19th, Mr. Jensen announced.

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The theme of the agriculture, livestock and poultry shows will be "Replacement programs," and will be carried throughout—suggest programs for replacement of cotton acres for the 1934 farmer. The agriculture department will show progress of diversification during the past 41 years with comparative exhibits; the livestock department will emphasize "utility livestock" and the poultry department will paint a picture of more food for the home by raising chickens.

The amusement program will be headed by the three elaborate musical

productions in the auditorium—"Bitter Sweet," Oct. 7 to 12; "Nina Rosa," Oct. 13 to 17, and "Florodora," Oct. 18 to 22.

Two Southwestern Championship sport contests will be held at the State Fair of Texas—the cowboy championship to be held in the Livestock arena, Oct. 7 to 18, and the motorcycle races which will be held under the sanction of the American Motorcycle association, for the official championship of the Southwest. These races will be held in the stadium on each Sunday afternoon and night during the 1933 exposition.

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Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

City Taxes

Joe E. Childers, attorney for the City of Merkel in its drive to collect delinquent taxes, will be in Merkel at the City Hall Tuesday, October 10, 1933.

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF THE DELINQUENT TAX LIST FOR THE CITY OF MERKEL.

WHEREAS, the delinquent tax payers of the City of Merkel have been given two months in which to make arrangements for paying their delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, many of the tax payers of this city have taken advantage of the plan offered while others apparently able to do so have failed to avail themselves of the privileges offered them; and WHEREAS, it is unfair to tax payers who have made sacrifices to pay their taxes to let others who are able to pay their taxes continue delinquent; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS;

That the attached list of the delinquent tax payers of the City of Merkel as certified to as being correct by the mayor and attested by the city secretary, be published in the Merkel Mail once each week for three consecutive weeks, beginning September 29, 1933. The publication of this list is authorized by Article 7323, Rev. St., 1925.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That any delinquent tax payer may pay his taxes in full on or before the final publication of this list has been made and that the principal of the taxes plus the cost of this publication will be accepted in full satisfaction of the amount due and that the penalty and interest will be waived.

Passed and approved September 4th, A. D. 1933. W. M. Elliott, Mayor.

ATTEST: Mrs. Juanita Ferguson, City Secretary.

Approved before passage:

Joe E. Childers, Attorney at Law.

Following is the list of delinquent tax payers of the City of Merkel, kind of property, years delinquent and amount:

- Allday Tom, real, 1930-1932, \$86.25. Angus M. D., real, 1932, \$31.88. Ash Mrs. E. L., real, 1930-1932, \$106.50. Ash D. G., real, 1918, 1921-1932, \$100.08. Ash Shoe Shop, personal, 1932, \$3. Baggett Mrs. E., real, 1930-1932, \$30.00. Barnes, E. B., real, 1914-1918, 1920, 1931-1932, \$102.00. Barker, J. L., real, 1927-1932, \$45. Barbee Mrs. W. L., real, 1928-1932, \$75.00. Baze Earl, real, 1931-1932, \$11.48. Bird O. R., real, 1921-1925, 1929-1932, \$74.89. Bickley C. A., real, 1930-1932, \$141.75. Biggs J. T., real, 1928-1932, \$29.25. Bishop G. L., personal, 1932, \$1.50. Bischoff M. J., real, 1932, \$36.00. Blair Mrs. J. S., real, 1930-1932, \$7.87. Black B. M., Est., real, 1932, \$18.00. Black Jim, real, 1927-1932, \$22.50. Blakes Dry Cleaners, personal, 191-1932, \$32.25. Bland Roscoe, real, 1930-1932, \$80. Board of Grand Trustees, real, \$5.25. Ben W. M., real, 1929-1931-1932, \$0. King J. D., Est., real, 1918-1920, 1932, \$60.50. Boswell C. L., real, 1930-1932, \$5.25. Boyett Mrs. H. I., real, 1911, 1915-1932, \$46.62. Boyd L. D., personal, 1931-1932, \$32.25. Briggs Duncan, real, 1932, \$47.25. Brown Yates, real, 1911, 1931-1932, \$55.85. Brown W. H., real, 1931-1932, \$22.50. Brooks Blanche, real, 1932, \$1.50. Bullock G. H., real, 1931-1932, \$9.75. Burkhead J. S., real, 1925-1926, 1928-1932, \$112.60. Burgin D. W., real, 1923-1926, 1928-1932, \$31.25. Carter Mrs. E. V., real, 1931-1932, \$3.00. Camp Mrs. M. D., real, 1931-1932, \$32.50. Campbell T. C., real, 1932, \$75.00. Campbell W. J., real, 1928-1932, \$85.13. Carson E. O., real, 1927, 1930-1932, \$10.02. City Dry Cleaners, personal, 1929-1932, \$65.25. Clark Mrs. E. H., real, 1911-1932, \$58.10. Clark H. D., real, 1931, \$24.00. Clayton H. W., real, 1930-1932, \$101.25. Cobb N. D., real, 1922, 1929-1932, \$209.09. Cockrel C. A., real, 1932, \$6.00. Collins J. M., real, 1932, \$52.50. Compton Mrs. T. F., real, 1930-1932, \$54.00. Comegys G. E., Est., real, 1932, \$42.75. Conder R. W., real, 1928, 1930-1932, \$142.15. Connor Mrs. M. L., real, 1930-1932, \$52.50. Costephens J. E., real, 1930-1932, \$262.50. Cox A. R., real, 1923-1926; 1928-1932, \$54.30. Craig J. M., real, 1930-1932, \$45.00. Curtis B. W., real, 1932-1931, \$6.00. Dalton B. E., real, 1927-1932, \$109.50. Davis Mrs. T. F., real, 1930-1932, \$127.50. Davis Ira, real, 1924-1932, \$117.39. Derrick Vernie, real, 1926, 1931-1932, \$37.75. Derrick C. T., real, 1931-1932, \$22.50. Demere Raymond, real, 1921, 1929-1932, \$51.50. Deutscheman Fred, real, 1915-1918, 1925, 1929, 1931, \$42.50. Dodd Mrs. E. J., real, 1932, \$3.75. Dowell N. A., real, 1930-1932, \$95.62. Dunning W. H., real, 1915-1918, 1920, 1924, 1928-1932, \$446.58. Dye Mrs. O. R., real, 1930-1932, \$133.50. Dye A. V., real, 1930-1932, \$124.62. Dye Mrs. J. R., real, 1931-1932, \$35.26. Dyess A. B., real, 1931-1932, \$4.50. Erwin F. E., real, 1931-1932, \$11.75. Estes Dr. J., real, 1931-1932, \$4.20. Estes M. L., real, 1931-1932, \$27.75. Ferrier Mrs. J. Est., real, 1928-1932, \$95.25. Ferrier Ross, real, 1931-1932, \$30.00. Ferrier George, real, 1932, \$31.88. Ferguson T. G., real, 1925, 1929-1932, \$63.95. Foster Mrs. Clyde, real, 1925, 1927-1929, 1931-1932, \$151.37. Frederickson P. L., real, 1929-1932, \$105.60. Field J. R., real, 1929, \$7.50. Fulwiler J. H., 1911-1932, \$48.09. Fulwiler W. J., real, 1912-1913, \$136.75. Gambill Dr. W. M., real, 1930-1932, \$139.13. Garland Mrs. Vicy, real, 1932, \$22.50. Garland Joe, real, 1932, \$30.75. General Construction Co., real, 1921, 1926, 1929-1932, \$30.84. Gentry W. E., real, 1932, \$7.50. Gilliam Frank, real, 1928, 1931-1932, \$2.25. Gilliam Mrs. Emma, real, 1932, \$1.13. Gilmore L. W., real, 1929-1932, \$39.37. Green M. D., real, 1931-1932, \$36.00. Grimes R. L., real, 1931-1932, \$75. Grimes Dr. R. I., real, 1915-1916, 1929-1932, \$361.12. Guthrie C. W., real, 1931-1932, \$30.75. Guitart Trust Est., real, 1914, 1931-1932, \$145.85. Hale J. G., real, 1932, \$43.35. Hamm F. P., real, 1932, \$180.00. Hand H. H., real, 1928-1932, \$63.52. Hand Mrs. Addie, real, 1928, 1930-1932, \$18.75. Harris Mrs. J. L., real, 1932, \$18.75. Harris W. Z., real, 1926-1932, \$81. Harris C. W., real, 1931-1932, \$16.80. Harwell T. L., real, 1926, 1928-1932, \$44.33. Hathway W. H., real, 1926, 1928-1932, \$86.55. Haynes W. W., real, 1932, \$38.25. Hayes Mrs. Ellen, real, 1932, \$16.50. Hawkins W. B., real, 1932, \$7.50. Helman Mrs. Josie, real, 1930-1932, \$67.50. Herrick Hdwe. Co., real, 1927-1932, \$90.00. Higgins Ernest, real, 1930-1932, \$30.38. Higgins A. E., real, 1931-1932, \$48.50. Higgins C. S., real, 1930-1932, \$74.93. Hill R. A., real, 1930-1932, \$64.50. Hogg J. D., real, 1930-1932, \$45.00. Hollaway J. F., real, 1927-1932, \$97.12. Howard L. B., real, 1930-1932, \$93.75. Howard W., real, 1930-1932, \$67.50. Holden Mrs. Maggie, real, 1911-1932, \$42.11. Hulsey Dr. H. P., real, 1929-1932, \$133.05. Husky Mrs. S. A., real, 1931-1932, \$27.50. Hutchins J. P. Est., real, 1912, 1925-1926, 1932, \$20.90. Hutchins C. D., real, 1930-1932, \$37.50. Jackson Walter, real, 1921-1932, \$37.58. James Henry, real, 1922, \$9.10. Jenkins W. F., real, 1927-1932, \$52.50. Jinkens Ben, Est., real, 1931-1932, \$41.25. Jones Ben, real, 1922-1932, \$93.17. Johnson Mrs. L. F., real, 1930-1932, \$82.50. Johnson Aurra, real, 1931-1932, \$11.40. Kelfer Mrs. Renna, real, 1928-1932, \$162.30. Kirkendall C. K., real, 1930-1932, \$33.00. Lepard W. C., real, 1928-1932, \$12.75. Latham F. H., real, 1929-1932, \$191.99. Martin Mrs., real, 1911-1932, \$29.02. Martin Mrs. S. P., real, 1917, 1932, \$16.80. Massey W. B., real, 1931-1932, \$35.78. Mattingley C. A., real, 1930-1932, \$80.15. Mayfield H. M., real, 1932, \$9.75. Meek J. M., real, 1911-1912, 1914, 1929-1932, \$128.90. Middleton B. P., real, 1928-1932, \$113.77. Montandon C. C., real, 1928-1932, \$94.13. Morrison L. B., real, 1929-1932, \$79.13. Moore J. C., real, 1927-1932, \$87.75. Moore J. Willie, real, 1913, 1917, 1922, 1926, 1932, \$30.71. Miller J. T., real, 1931-1932, \$36.00. Murrey L. L., personal, 1926-1928, 1931-1932, \$7.65. Murphy J. M., real, 1911-1916, 1921, 1930-1932, \$142.90. McCoy James, personal, 1928-1932, 1931-1932, \$12.07. McConnell J. W., real, 1923, 1925, 1926, 1928-1932, \$218.31. McDonald G. H., real, 1917, 1925, 1927, 1928, 1929-1932, \$210.50. McFarland W. F., real, 1919-1932, \$43.11. McGaughy J. E., real, 1915-1919, 1922-1932, \$150.72. McSpadden Mrs. W. A., real, 1929-1932, \$79.50. Newman R. L., real, 1931-1932, \$33. Nichols Ice Co., personal, 1932 \$4.50. Nobles Mrs. J. E., real, 1913-1932, \$85.85. Norvell C. C., real, 1931-1932, \$45. Novian Peter, real, 1931-1932, \$21.15. Palace Barber Shop, personal, 1932, \$9.00. Partridge C. M., real, 1930-1932, \$13.50. Patton W. J., real, 1929-1932, \$30. Patterson W. F., real, 1930-1932, \$3.15. Phillips T. W., real, 1923-1932, \$78.90. Pierce Mrs. T. P., real, 1930-1932, \$71.63. Pickett Mrs. Ben, real, 1926-1932, \$169.68. Popham S. D., Est., real, 1921, \$5. Price W. E., real, 1931-1932, \$33.75. Quality Bakery, real, 1929-1931, \$66.75. Ramsey E. B., real, 1927, 1932, \$9. Reed K. T., real, 1916-1932, \$99.90. Rainbolt H. M., real, 1930-1932, \$191.25. Reese W. H., real, 1920, 1930-1932, \$8.35. Renfro L. J., real, 1929-1932, \$57.90. Richie Dollie, real, 1911, 1916, 1922, 1925, 1930-1932, \$69.35. Riege G. D., Jr., real, 1927-1932, \$117.00. Richardson W. L., real, 1930-1932, \$22.50. Riddle J. L., real, 1929-1930, \$84.75. Rister G. W., real, 1930-1932, \$22.50. Roberts S. J., real, 1930-1932, \$33.75. Robins G. R., real, 1911-1932, \$27.16. Robins L. C., real, 1932, \$15.90. Rodden O. R., personal, 1928-1932, \$60.00. Rose Arch, personal, 1920, 1924, 1930-1932, \$98.65. Rose Mrs. Alice, real, 1927-1932, \$124.05. Ross Mrs. Josie, real, 1930-1932, \$64.13. Russell J. J., real, 1926-1927, 1931-1932, \$86.38. Sanders F. A., real, 1911-1932, \$216.04. Scott L. B., real, 1925-1927, 1929-1932, \$273.98. Sharp J. P., real, 1931, \$38.62. Sheppard S. W., real, 1917, 1918, 1921-1923, 1930-1932, \$132.20. Sheppard W. A., real, 1930-1932, \$18.00. Sherman Ed, real, 1930-1932, \$4.50. Shouse O. C., real, 1929-1932, \$18. Shouse C. E., real, 1926, 1928-1932, \$65.99. Simpson I. S., real, 1930-1932, \$27. Smith Mrs. C. B., real, 1931-1932, \$27.75. Smith Warren, real, 1930-1932, \$19.38. Smith Ford, real, 1930-1932, \$52.50. Stanford Earl, real, 1930-1932, \$46.50. Stanford J. A., real, 1931-1932, \$88.05. Stagger P. F., real, 1929-1932, \$9. Stalls J. S., real, 1931-1932, \$39.00. Stevens C. P., real, 1913, 1916-1918, 1930-1932, \$173.99. Strickland S. & B., real, 1930-1931, \$24.00. Stone Mrs. J. H., real, 1917-1920, 1922-1932, \$49.57. Sublett J. P., Est., real, 1929-1932, \$7.20. Sublett B. T., real, 1929-1932, \$101.63. Suber C. P., personal, 1920, 1922, 1923, 1926-1929, 1932, \$39.20. Tatum H. O., real, 1920-1932, \$170.90. Tarvin J. H., Est., real, 1932, \$6.38. Teague Earl, personal, 1930, 1932, \$8.48. Thomas Loyd, real, 1930-1932, \$7.50. Thomas Carl, real, 1930-1932, \$73.88. Thornton W. A., real, 1920, 1932, \$20.62. Tillery J. P., real, 1912, 1917-1932, \$93.94. Tombs H. H., real, 1932, \$28.05. Tucker E. S., Est., real, 1930-1932, \$22.50. Turner Mrs. F. Z., real, 1930-1932, \$39.90. Valentine M. & W., real, 1925, 1930-1932, \$39.00. Walker Ada Bell, real, 1929-1932, \$26.25. Walton J. C. Mrs., real, 1929-1932, \$78.75. West H. C., real, 1930-1931, \$92.25. West J. H., real, 1931-1932, \$132.00. Williams J. A., real, 1923-1926, 1928-1932, \$172.68. Wiman M. S., real, 1931, \$12.00. Wooten J. P., real, 1930-1932, \$22.50. Yandell W. L., real, 1930-1932, \$130.50. Yates B. F., real, 1912, 1927-1932, \$107.07. Young Mrs. W. H., real, 1931-1932, \$54.00.

The above list of delinquents is not absolutely accurate in that some of the worthless property is omitted and in some instances the exact owner of the property delinquent is unknown and the property which is placed on the unknown list is not included herein. The list is as complete as it is practicable to make at this time and is published as authorized by Act 7323 of the Rev. Civ. Sta. of Tex., so that any delinquent may have the opportunity to save his property before it is sold for taxes. Any delinquent who will call at the city hall at Merkel and pay the principal of the taxes due, plus the cost of publication, before the publication is completed said amount will be accepted in full payment of the delinquent taxes which he owes and the penalty and interest will be waived. The City of Merkel. TWO PAPERS FOR \$1.50. For a limited time, we can offer The Semi-Weekly Farm News and The Merkel Mail, both papers one year for only \$1.50. Subscribe now if you are not receiving the Farm News and extend your time for The Mail at this special rate. Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

ORDERS TAKEN—For Qualla pedigreed cottonseed. See M. G. King, Merkel, Texas, Route 4, authorized agent.

WAREHOUSE for sale. Apply M. B. Bell.

FOR SALE—Three burner gas stove, with high back and oven; also one burner oil stove. Mack Fowler.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—1929 Plymouth coupe and 1932 Plymouth coupe. See Clesby Patterson or Floyd McCoy.

FOR SALE—Dining table and six chairs; also small iron bed, mattress and springs. Mrs. Ed Turner.

WANTED

NOTICE—I will be present at the Farmers and Merchants National bank Saturday for collection on notes and open accounts. A. R. Johnston.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Ladies' black patent purse, containing currency and small change, also teacher's contract. Please notify Miss Thelma McAninch. Reward.

LOST—A checkbook holder, Sept. 29, between White Church and Dr. Armstrong's, containing a deposit slip on F. & M. bank and a cotton ticket from Trent cotton yard, one \$10 bill, one \$1.00 bill, one 50c piece and one 25c piece and other papers. Leave at The Mail office and receive reward.

LEGAL NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE prohibiting tent shows, carnivals, rodeos, etc. and prescribing a penalty for its violation. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Merkel:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any tent show, carnival or rodeo, or the owner or operator of any concession in connection with any such tent show, carnival or rodeo, to set up, maintain or operate any such tent show, carnival or rodeo, or any concession with any such tent show, carnival or rodeo, within one hundred and fifty feet of any school building, church or any private residence, within the city limits of the city of Merkel.

Section 2. From every tent show or rodeo, or owner or operator of said tent show or rodeo or any concession in connection with any such tent show or rodeo, shall be a tax of \$25.00 per week or any part of a week, and from carnivals or any concession connected with carnivals, shall be a tax of \$250.00 per week or any part of a week.

Section 3. The offense described in section 1 and 2 of this ordinance is deemed to be complete when any such tent show, carnival or rodeo or any concession in connection with same shall have constructed or erected any tent, station or building for the purpose of operating any such tent show, carnival or rodeo, and each day shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 4. Any person, firm or corporation or individual violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than twenty five and not more than two hundred dollars.

Section 5. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

Section 6. The fact that there is no ordinance now covering the above subjects creates an emergency and the rule requiring the reading of this ordinance at three several meetings is hereby dispensed with and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication. Passed October 4 A. D. 1933. W. M. Elliott, Mayor.

ATTEST: Mrs. Juanita Ferguson, City Secretary.

COMING

Kennedy Sisters—the show you all know. Watch for the date.

INTERNATIONAL TRUCK FOR SALE

Good Condition; Terms McDonald Grocery

THE RED & WHITE STORE

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY OCTOBER 6 AND 7

LETTUCE, head 5c

Yams 10 pounds 23c Bushel 99c

APPLES, Jonathans, dozen 17c

Grapes Tokay 25c 3 pounds

ORANGES, School Size, dozen 25c

Spuds U. S. No. 1, Idaho, 10 lbs. 19c

Sugar Pure Cane, cloth bag, 10 pounds 53c

CHERRIES, No. 2 can, each 15c

APRICOTS, No. 2 can, R & W, each 15c

PEACHES, No. 10 can, each 45c

BLACKBERRIES, No. 10 can, each 45c

APRICOTS, No. 10 can, each 45c

Corn No. 2 can 25c 3 for

PEAS, No. 2 Kuners, 2 for 27c

Tomatoes No. 1 can each 5c

SARDINES, 6 cans 23c

SALMON, Red, No. 1 can, each 23c

Coffee Sun Up pound 19c

COFFEE, R & W, pound 33c

GRAPE NUT FLAKES, package 10c

CAKE FLOUR, Swans Down, pkg. 33c

BAKING POWDER, Calumet, pound 25c

Oats B & W Super Flak 42 ounce package 13c

BRAN FLAKES, package 10c

MILK, 6 small 19c—3 tall 19c

CATSUP, R & W, 14 oz. bottle 15c

Dressing G & W pt. 15c

SOAP, Lady Godiva, bar 5c

SOAP, Thrill, Health bar 5c

WASHO Washing Powder package 19c

Compound 4 lb. carton 30c

SALT PORK, pound 10c

Bologna, 2 lbs. 25c BACON, sliced, pound 18c



N. G. O. CLUB.

The suburban home of Mrs. Frank Iddings was the scene of a lovely party as members of N. G. O. club and a few friends met and enjoyed an evening of "Progressive 42" after which a lovely refreshment plate of sandwiches, olives, punch and devils food cake was served.

Those enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. Iddings were Mesdames Herbert Patterson, R. A. Burgess, W. M. Gambill, Oscar Buford, Duncan Briggs, J. E. Richardson, Gayle Herrington, Fred Hughes and J. H. Cook.

ALATHEAN CLASS.

The Alathean class met in regular session at the Baptist church on Thursday of last week. After singing the class song, "The Life Boat," scripture was read by Mrs. Brown, followed by prayer by Mrs. Meeks. After a short business session, the class enjoyed a social hour of speeches and games.

Dainty refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served to the following members: Mesdames Brown, Meeks, Baker, Polley, Ashby, McDonald, Causseaux, Largent, Patterson, Sharp, Carr, Warren, with Mesdames Allen, Chambless and McCandle as hostesses, and little Miss Jennie May Reynolds, a visitor.

VOTA VITA CLASS.

The Vota Vita class met in the home of Mrs. W. S. Slayden Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. O. F. Fox and Miss Slayden as co-hostesses. The home was decorated with pretty sunflowers and the Halloween theme was carried out.

The devotional was favorite scriptures of each one. After the business, every one joined in and had a real good time playing games and contests. Ice cream, topped with chocolate, and chocolate cookies were served to Mesdames, Betty, Bill Haynes, Chas Higgins, Hathaway, Dickinson, Smith, Warren Higgins, Clarence Perry, C. R. Joyner and hostesses.

KING'S DAUGHTERS.

The King's Daughters class of the Methodist church met Tuesday afternoon at the church in a social hour with Mesdames Hutcherson and Cox as hostesses. The devotional was given by Mrs. H. C. Williams and several entertaining features made the hour one of social enjoyment. Refreshment plates were served to the following members: Mesdames Hutcherson, Cox, Ellis, Rainbolt, Smith and Richards, and Mesdames Will Brown, Church, Eli Case and Rev. E. L. Yeats, guests.

PERSONALS

Mrs. W. L. Harkrider is here from Brownwood this week. She is visiting in the home of Mrs. J. M. Dry.

Dave Warren of Colorado was a visitor Tuesday in the home of Miss Dora Garoutte, who was his former school teacher.

Mrs. B. M. Black returned Saturday from an extended visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Smith, in Russell county.

Isadore Mellinger is visiting several days with friends and relatives in Austin. Meyer Mellinger, who went to Austin with him, has returned.

Lynn McSpadden and Jean Spangle, who have been stationed at McNary, Ariz., with Company No. 898, civilian conservation corps, have returned home.

Mrs. J. L. Harris, a well known former resident who now makes her home with a daughter at Ellasville, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Vaughn.

Due to the serious illness of her father, Offie Sanders, Mrs. J. C. White and two children have come from Sacramento, Calif., to be at his bedside. They were accompanied by Bert Freeman, a nephew of Mr. Sanders, who lives in Nashville, Tenn., but who had been visiting the Whites.

Open Filling Station.

The Blue Front Filling station, north of "M" System, was re-opened this week by G. L. Price, who formerly operated the West Filling station east of Trent. He will handle Sinclair products.

MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP

Now Located two blocks south on Oak Street—same phone number "Flowers for all occasions."

CHURCH SERVICES

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Regular services Sunday, with the pastor present at both services.

Next Sunday and four more Sundays and this church year will close. We have had a great year of progress, despite the general conditions. So let us finish in like manner.

May we not expect a record attendance at both services and at Sunday School.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday we had our Sunday School superintend, W. J. Largent, with us again. He has been largely with his show cattle for sometime and is leaving again this week. He gave us an interesting talk about the different churches he has visited. We are all ways glad for him to be with us, for we believe that we have the best Sunday School superintendent in the South.

Our Sunday School and B. T. S. show an increase in interest as the weather gets cooler. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. B. T. S. at 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:45 Wednesday evening.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The Baptist WMS met Monday in their regular monthly business meeting. Delegates were elected to go in the ladies' meeting of the association at Abilene Wednesday. Reports were given from the chairmen of the standing committees and the following new officers were installed:

Mrs. T. E. Collins, president; Mrs. Byers Petty, vice president; Mrs. Olive Dye, secretary; Mrs. Booth Warren, pianist; and Mrs. Earl Lassiter, chorister.

We were glad to welcome Mrs. H. H. Watford as a new member.

Next Monday will be our Royal Service program. All old members are urged to be present and bring a new member or a visitor with you.

VICTORY B. T. S. PROGRAM.

Subject: "From Failure to Success." Introduction, leader. Discussion No. 1, Mrs. Reeves. Discussion No. 2, Mr. Reed. Discussion No. 3, Mrs. Bill Haynes. Discussion No. 4, Mrs. Higgins. Discussion No. 5, Mrs. A. D. Fulton. Conclusion by leader. Special song by visiting girls. Time—6:45 p. m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The six Sunday Schools in Merkel reported 796 present last Sunday, as compared with 823 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago, the attendance was only 592 as the result of bad weather.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. There will be no preaching service morning nor evening, as the pastor will be at Baird.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. J. J. Russell, Jr., Supt. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Brother W. B. West, Jr., who is doing his senior year's work at A. C. C., will have charge of the preaching services on Sunday and the Wednesday evening programs. Come hear him.

Bible study 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Young people's program at 7 p. m. each Lord's day.

Bible lesson at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, conducted by Brother West. A sermon by one of the young preachers from A. C. C. at 8 p. m., following the lesson by Brother West.

A cordial invitation is extended to all and a hearty welcome awaits you.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

"Are you a Baptist who believes in the 'verbal inspiration' of the Bible, the supernatural miracles of the Bible, blood atonement, divinity of Jesus, the 'Trine God,' the gospel, which is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, and is the 'power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth,' the two great ordinances that are means of witnessing of the power of the gospel, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the second coming of Jesus to 'reign on earth for 1,000 years,' the doctrine of heaven, the doctrine of eternal punishment in hell for all those who reject the Saviour, and if you believe in keeping your life unspotted from the world, then we welcome you into our fellowship. Everybody is welcome to our services. Preaching Saturday night, Sunday 11 a. m. and Sunday night. Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

DICKERSON-HARRIS.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Harris, at Tye, Miss Lone Harris and Mr. Ray Dickerson were united in marriage at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with Rev. O. D. Pruitt, Baptist minister, officiating. Best wishes of a host of friends are being extended the happy young couple.

TWO PAPERS FOR \$1.50.

For a limited time, we can offer The Semi-Weekly Farm News and The Merkel Mail, both papers one year for only \$1.50. Subscribe now if you are not receiving the Farm News and extend your time for The Mail at this special rate.

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Badgers Win

(Continued from Page One.) standouts in the backfield for Anson, while Tenndon, Sattrewhite and Thurman were outstanding in the line. Penalties were frequent, for each team drew 50 yards each.

The Merkel Badgers go to Stamford for another conference tilt Friday of this week.

The starting line-ups were:

Table with 3 columns: Player Name, Position, Team. Merkel players include Shannon (c), Evans, Tipton, Moore, Shelton, McAninch, Higgins, Gamble, Durham, Smith, Boaz. Anson players include Tenndon, Thurman, Curtis, Holland, White, Satterwhite, Castles, Hendricks, Fulgham (c).

Substitutions for Merkel: B. K. Carson for Evans; Pangle for McAninch; Adecock for Durham.

Summary of game: Yards gained from scrimmage: Merkel 155, Anson 66; yards lost from scrimmage: Merkel 11, Anson 29.

Passes tried: Merkel 3, two intercepted and one incomplete. Anson tried two while both were intercepted.

Penalties: Merkel four for 50 yards; Anson seven for 50 yards.

First downs: Merkel 11, Anson 2.

Score by quarters: Merkel 0 0 0 0-0 Anson 0 0 0 0-0

Scoring touchdown for Merkel: Boaz.

A Word of Explanation.

In a list of delinquent tax payers published in last week's issue of The Mail by the city of Merkel, the name of one Walter Jackson appears, but Walter Jackson in the employ of the Merkel Motor company has asked The Mail to state that he is not the party involved.

COMING.

Kennedy Sisters—the show you all know. Watch for the date.

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