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PLAY FIRST CONFERENCE GAME AT HOME

J. S. BICKLEY, 78, DIES AT HOME OF SON AT STANTON

Resident of Taylor County for Nearly Forty Years is Claimed by Death Monday; Body Brought Home for Burial.

Merkel paid last sad tribute Tuesday afternoon to J. S. Bickley, age 78 years, resident of Taylor county for nearly forty years and one of this community's best loved and most respected citizens. He passed away Monday afternoon at the home of a son, J. C. Bickley, at Stanton.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the Methodist church, with Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by the following ministers: Rev. W. O. Carter, Lubbock; Rev. U. D. Crosby, Ralls; Rev. O. P. Clark, Sweetwater, and Rev. W. M. Murrell, Abilene.

Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery beside the grave of his wife, who died April 2 of this year.

Funeral bearers were: W. F. Golladay, Bert Chambliss, Rufus Adcock, Howard Laney, Nathan Wood and W. A. McCandless.

Mr. Bickley was born December 22, 1854, near Columbus, Ga. Coming to Texas in 1876, he was married to Miss America Bickley in January, 1877, at Beckville. They came to Taylor county in 1894 and settled near Merkel, where he had lived ever since.

Last winter he and his wife spent the winter with a son, Rev. C. A. Bickley, residing elder of the Lubbock district, and it was at his home that Mrs. Bickley died about six months ago.

Since her death Mr. Bickley has been living with another son, J. C. Bickley, at Stanton.

Stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage nine weeks ago while visiting a son, Jee M. Bickley, at Chatfield, he had been ill since. Four weeks ago he was removed to Stanton.

Besides these three sons mentioned, he is survived by an only daughter, Miss Annie Bickley, who had been

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Bell, residing south of Trent, Friday, October 6, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buchanan, residing near Trent, Saturday, October 7, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Billington, residing near Trent, Tuesday, October 10, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Perkins, residing near Trent, Tuesday, October 10, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Mannie Barnes, Thursday, October 12, 1933.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, October 10, 1913.)

A pretty home wedding was celebrated Thursday at 10 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent where they gave their only daughter, Leno Ferren, in marriage to Mr. Luther Swafford. Rev. R. A. Clements read the beautiful marriage service, which was witnessed by the immediate members of the families. The bride a winsome young woman. The past two years have been spent in the Intermount College in Bristol, Va. The groom is popular in business circles. He is engaged in the abstract business in Dallas. The newly-weds left on the 10 o'clock T. & P. train for their home at 2227 Wilborn St., Oak Lawn, Dallas. The bride's going away gown was a becoming shade of green. She carried an arm bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums. The Merkel Mail joins their many friends in wishing them many years of happiness.

Sunday evening at 9:15 o'clock our assistant postmistress, Miss May Derstine, and Mr. W. C. Lee of Mexia were married at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. R. A. Clements. Only a friend or two had been made wise

STATE CHAIRMAN HUGHES TO ADDRESS NRA RALLY AT ABILENE FRIDAY NIGHT

An NRA sectional rally in which the business interests of Abilene will be joined by citizens of surrounding towns in this territory will be held on the federal lawn Friday night at 7:30. (In case of inclement weather, the rally will be transferred to the Abilene High school auditorium.)

Hon. Maury Hughes of Dallas, chairman of the state advisory board, has accepted an invitation to speak at this gathering, the purpose of which is to express confidence in and co-operation with the national recovery program. Mr. Hughes has just returned from Washington, where he has been conferring with national leaders on plans for pushing Blue Eagle activities.

Besides the main speaker, Hon. Walter D. Cline of Wichita Falls, a regional director of NRA activities, will also be present.

Members of the Merkel NRA general committee and all citizens and business men here have been extended a general invitation, both through the press and by letter addressed to the NRA committee, to attend this meeting.

Organization of a local compliance board is under way but the complete personnel cannot be announced yet.

In addition to the five volunteer chairmen reported in the surrounding school districts last week, N. D. Teaff of Cross Roads has agreed to assist the Merkel committee in securing NRA consumers' pledges there.

Speakers Announced For Church Visitation

As part of a church-to-church visitation, authorized by the Abilene presbytery at their last meeting in Lamesa, a group of four church leaders will be here next Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Members of the church at Tye have been invited to join with the Merkel church in the program, to be given at the church here.

Speakers who will be here and their subjects are: Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, "Foreign Missions;" Rev. E. B. Surface, Abilene, "Spiritual Recovery Crusade;" Rev. S. P. Collins, Cross Plains, "National Missions," and Mrs. E. B. Surface, Abilene, "Christian Education."

A devotional of song and prayer will serve to open the meeting and besides the above talks the Lord's supper is to be administered by two members of the team. A round table discussion for the advancement of church work will follow.

From 10 to 2 o'clock Tuesday, the same team of workers will visit Zion Chapel church.

Largent Hereford Steer is Champ

R. J. Domino, owned by C. M. Largent & Sons of Merkel, was named the champion Hereford steer at the State Fair of Texas Tuesday. The Largents also showed two other champions at the Dallas show: Publican Domino, Junior, grand champion bull, and Blocom Domino, grand champion cow.

In the Hereford division, they captured nineteen blue ribbons out of a possible 23.

as to Dan Cupid's intentions. A complete surprise awaited their friends when they appeared at the station at 10 o'clock p. m. en route to Mexia on a short bridal tour, after which they will be at home in Merkel for the present time.

The initial session of the city council for the administration of Mayor Stallings was the busiest meeting of the city dads. Street lights, side walks and drainage of the Boyce Flat are a few of the propositions on the boards.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cordill visited relatives in Putnam Sunday.

Roy Bradley of Abilene was a social caller in Merkel Sunday.

Paul Cranford returned to El Paso Saturday after several weeks visit here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Cranford, and sister, Mrs. Davenport Gaither.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Sharp were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis of Abilene Sunday.

Chapter 3 of Serial Is Showing at Queen

Chapter 3 of "Gordon of Ghost City," the thrilling serial, with Buck Jones, will be shown at the Queen theatre Friday and Saturday. The feature picture is "Fighting for Justice," with Tim McCoy. The program also includes a comedy.

Monday and Tuesday Regis Toomey will be seen in "Soldiers of the Storm;" also a comedy and cartoon are included in the evening's entertainment.

That inimitable pair, Slim Summerville and ZaSu Pitts, will be presented in a riotous comedy, "Out All Night," on Wednesday and Thursday, with "The Plumber," as the added comedy feature.

On Thursday night of next week, the management of the Queen announce that a "live baby will be given away."

Higher Estimate on U. S. Cotton Crop

Washington, Oct. 12.—Cotton production this year was forecast Monday by the department of agriculture at 12,885,000 bales of 500 pounds; gross weight, compared with 12,414,000 bales indicated a month ago and 13,002,000 bales produced last year.

At the same time the Census Bureau reported that 5,851,415 running bales of cotton had been ginned from the 1933 crop prior to Oct. 1, compared with 5,409,657 in 1931.

Cotton crop condition as of Oct. 1 was placed at 66.7 per cent of normal, compared to a 54.2 condition on Oct. 1, last year.

The department estimated the yield with 4,835,590 for the corresponding 205.3 pounds, compared with 173.3 pounds in 1932.

The condition of the crop October 1, and the indicated production by states included: Texas, 70 per cent of a normal, and indicated production 4,190,000 bales.

Ginnings for Season Nearly 10,000 Bales

Season's total ginnings for the seven plants in Merkel and those at Stith, Noodle and Blair, up to late Wednesday afternoon, were 9,999.

Only five days were covered by the week's report, owing to the fact that rain Tuesday night temporarily stopped picking. The week's ginning figures for the above plants was 2,236 bales. The previous week 3,254 bales were reported from these gins.

Up to the same date last year, ginnings here were 3,805 bales.

Repeal Lacks Three States. Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 12.—Florida, by favoring repeal about 4 to 1 in Tuesday's election, became the 33rd state to reject the 18th amendment. Six states will vote on November 7 and approval of only three out of the six will cancel the prohibition amendment.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

R. R. Stringer, 28, Terrell drayman, was killed by a train at a grade crossing in that city.

Miss Christine Ackers of Abilene has been elected sweetheart of the Texas Christian University band for this school year.

Lieut Charles Quereau, 29, of San Antonio, fell to his death from the 14th story of an Amarillo hotel room early Sunday.

Jack Stockton, 30, was killed early Sunday when the automobile in which he was driving alone plunged down a 100-foot embankment near Jacksonville.

John A. Kee of Fort Worth was elected grand patriarch of Odd Fellows in Texas at the closing session of the 82nd grand encampment at Gonzales Tuesday.

The Texas Press association will hold its 1934 convention in Dallas on June 14, 15 and 16, it has been announced following a meeting of the executive committee.

Mrs. Jeanette Hill, 26, suffered a broken neck and was killed when the automobile driven by her husband, Roscoe Hill, of Eastland, struck a culvert on the highway near Breckenridge.

At the annual session of synod of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., at Denton last week, Rev. E. C. Cargill of Seymour was elected moderator, succeeding Rev. F. H. Ford, of New Orleans.

The senate Monday passed and sent to the house a bill to appropriate \$500,000 to reimburse West Texas farmers for part of the expenses incurred in eradicating the pink boll worm.

Dr. E. F. Jarrel of Tyler, center of the legislative investigation of charges that jobs controlled by the Texas livestock sanitary commission had been "sold" sent his resignation to Governor Miriam A. Ferguson Wednesday.

Thomas L. Manion, former Dallas jailer, and Grover C. Beville, who was the principal government witness against Manion, were both convicted in federal court at Dallas of having aided Harvey Bailey, outlaw, to escape from the Dallas county jail on Labor day.

Merkel Pastor is Named Moderator

Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church here, was elected moderator of the 49th annual convention of the Sweetwater Baptist association, which convened Thursday morning of last week at the University Baptist church, Abilene. He succeeded Rev. C. A. Powell, pastor of the host church, who had served as moderator for two years.

Miss Ima Petty, office secretary of the First Baptist church, Abilene, was re-elected clerk of the association. She is entering the third year in office. W. W. Haynes, Merkel, was named corresponding secretary, and W. F. Joiner, Caps, was re-elected treasurer.

Three new churches were received into the association: Calvary Baptist and Sunset Baptist, Abilene, and Stammer Baptist, of near Sweetwater. Sweetwater was selected for the 1934 meeting place next October. This will be the 50th annual convention of the association and R. C. Crane, veteran attorney and historian of Sweetwater, was delegated to prepare a report of the half century's work of the organization.

Western Railroads Cut Fares. Chicago, Ill., Oct. 12.—The Western Railway Executives' association Friday decided on a sharp reduction in passenger fares as an experiment in increasing their business. They voted to reduce from 3.6c a mile to 3c the rate on one-way rail transportation. A 2 1-2c a mile round-trip rate was agreed upon and the present Pullman surcharge of 50 per cent was eliminated.

FULLBACK BOAZ LEADS TEAM TO ANOTHER WIN

Badgers Trim Stamford, 19-6. Annexing Second Conference Victory This Season; Show Strong Forward Wall.

With Fullback Boaz lugging the ball most of the time for Merkel and ten other men blocking perfectly, Merkel won their second conference game.

Boaz, taking the ball off guard in the opening minutes of the game, for a 40 yard "jaunt" brought the first score of the game. The extra point was kicked.

The remainder of the 1st quarter and all the 2nd quarter was played up and down the field. Stamford went to Merkel's 10 yard line and fumbled, which fact probably cost them a score. Stamford lost several chances to score by fumbling when they were deep in Merkel's territory.

Early in the 2nd quarter Boaz picked up a fumble before it had touched the ground and galloped about 35 yards for the second score. The extra point was missed, leaving the score 13 to 0.

A few plays later, Gamble, quarterback for Merkel, intercepted a pass on Stamford's 28 yard line and went for another counter; however, both teams were off-side and the play was called back. Everyone who saw this play will have to admit that it was a swell job of running for Gamble, even if it did have to blow up as a dream.

In the early part of the 4th quarter Stamford took the ball on Merkel's 35 yard line after a bad kick. With a few breaks Dunlap, Stamford's fullback, went over for Stamford's first counter. Dunlap failed to kick extra point and the score remained 13-0.

Late in the same period Higgins, right end for Merkel, intercepted a Stamford pass on their 11 yard line and carried it to the 1 yard marker, where Fullback Boaz bucked the line for the third and final score of the game. He failed to kick the extra point (Continued on Page Eight)

LET'S GIVE OUR LOYAL SUPPORT TO THE BADGERS

Merkel Eleven, Victorious Over Anson and Stamford. Face Haskell Indians Here Friday; Game Called at 3:15.

Merkel is preparing to give the Badgers strong support in their battle Friday with Haskell, the first conference game of the season on the home grounds. The game will start promptly at 3:15.

Merkel has started off with a whim, winning their first 2 conference games with a good margin, beating Anson 2 weeks ago 6-0 and last week whipping the Stamford Bulldogs to a frazzle.

This week the tribe of Indians from Haskell will try to stop the mighty power attack which Coach Irvin has built around Fullback Boaz.

Fans can remember one cold October afternoon in 1930 when Merkel battled with the tough Indian team, when the even-driving Kimbrough pushed over for the only counter of the game which ended 6-0.

This year Haskell has two Kimbroughs and both play in the backfield. Reports also show that Haskell has a heavy line and one that is experienced. They are doped to be about 13 points better than our Badgers. So, take these facts and draw your own conclusions, but remember the Badgers have improved since the first game.

Coach Irvin reports his men are in fine condition and will probably have a few new tricks to help stop the Redskins. Most of this week has been spent in blocking and trying to improve his defense.

The Badgers belong to Merkel. Why not help them by coming to see them whip the Indians?

The Badgers are out for a district championship; so come and support your team.

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."

FACING DEFEAT.

When Jesus and his mother reached the door of the synagogue on his first return to Nazareth a crowd was waiting outside. They returned his greeting with a mixture of regard and curiosity, and pushed promptly through the door behind him, filling the little room full. There was much whispering and craning of necks. He made his way to the front of the room, picked up the roll of the prophet Isaiah, turned around toward them and smiled.

Instantly all his illusions vanished. Instead of sympathetic understanding there was only cynicism on those faces. The old woman, his neighbor, whom he had planned to heal, was sitting prominently in front. She was willing to take a chance on anything, for she had been a long time sick; but her look was less a hope than a challenge. The substantial men of the town settled solidly in their appointed seats, and dared him with their hard eyes to try his tricks on them! "You may have caused a stir in Capernaum," they seemed to say, "but little old Nazareth isn't so slow. We know you. You're no prophet; you're just the son of Joseph the carpenter, and you can't fool us!"

Slowly he opened the roll and in tones that stirred them in spite of themselves he began to read: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me Because he anointed me to preach of good tidings to the poor, He hath sent me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind; To set at liberty them that are bruised, And proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

He closed the book and handed it back to the attendant. "This day hath this Scripture been fulfilled in your ears," he said simply. There was an ominous silence in the synagogue. "The eyes of all were fastened upon Him." He knew what they were thinking; they wanted him to do some mighty work such as he had done in Capernaum.

But he knew also the uselessness of trying. The scorn, the ignorant self-sufficiency were miracle proof. They would never receive him; never be proud of him. They merely wanted him to exhibit himself and they hoped that he would fail.

"No prophet is acceptable in his own country," Jesus said to them sadly. "Elijah did his greatest works in a foreign city; Elisha could accomplish nothing big until he got beyond the borders of his home."

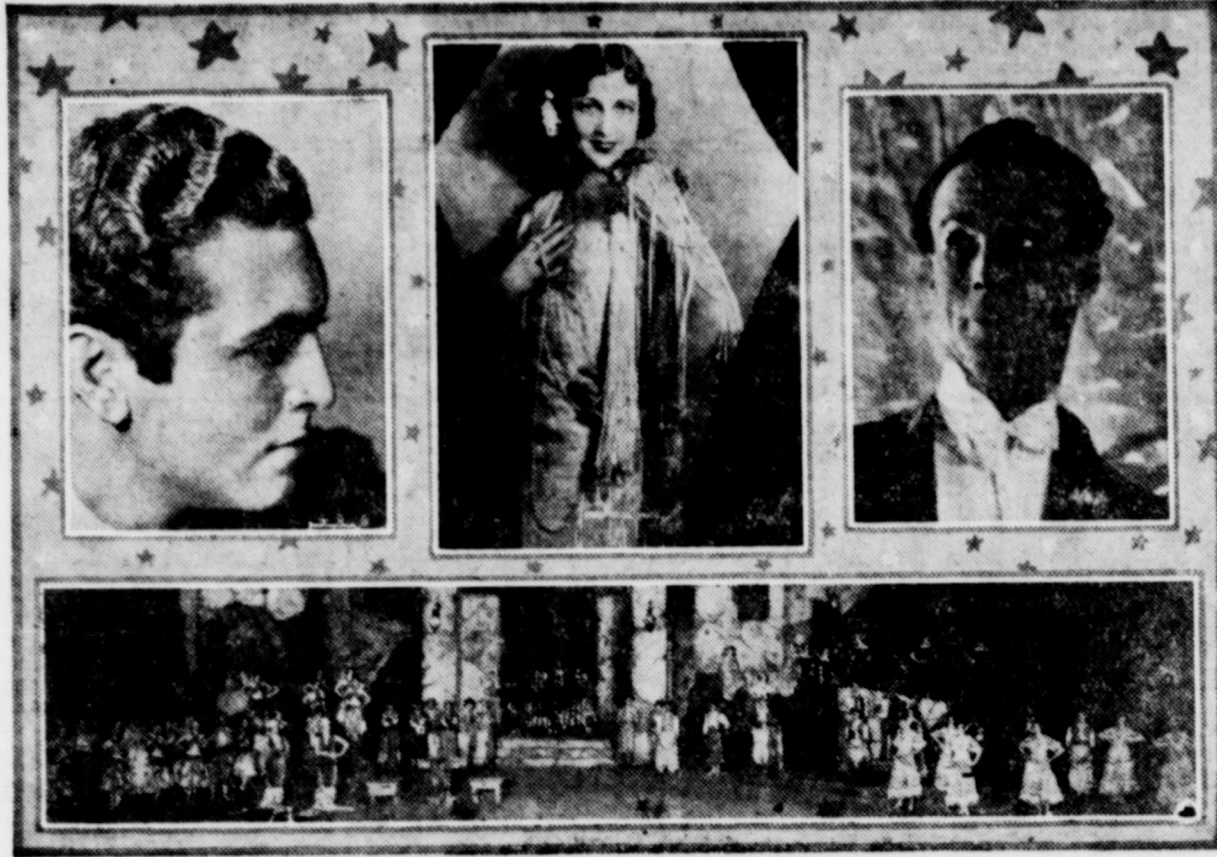
With a look of soul-weariness he turned to leave.

Next Week: The Storm Breaks.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Joe Reid entertained at her beautiful country home north of town Tuesday afternoon with a surprise party, naming as honor guests Mesdames Charles Reid and Malcolm Beasley.

THREE MUSICAL STARS WILL APPEAR IN FAIR OPERETTAS



NOODLE NEWS

The Noodle school opened October 2, with a good enrollment. A number of pupils will enroll as soon as the cotton rush is over.

Three of the outstanding stars who will appear at the State Fair Auditorium during the presentation of "Bitter Sweet," October 7 to 12.

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Mrs. David S. Barbour and little son, Jim David, of Fort Worth, spent several days last week visiting relatives. She will be remembered by the old-timers as Bessie Mae Feazel.

Mrs. Wallace Kelley and Miss Helen Hogue went to the Dallas Fair Thursday. They expect to visit at other points east while away.

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WHISPERING ROCK

by JOHN LEBAR



NINTH 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, Snavely, and Indian Ann, a herculean woman of mixed negro and Indian blood. Snavely 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—
 Old Charley was explaining his purchases: "You see, I hunted all over town but I didn't have no luck with habits like you wanted. I could have got one outfit but it didn't look like it would last long so I got you these."
 Ruth opened the package and found three pairs of overalls with short jackets to match. There was a bright copper rivet at the beginning of each seam. She rolled them up hastily.
 "Most everybody in this country wears them," said the old man. "They ain't fancy but they're good riding clothes."
 Old Charley took another package from the car with some embarrassment. "I had some money left, Mrs. Warren, and I figured I'd add something to your outfit." He paused soberly. "I think you ought to have this never can tell when you'll meet up with some—some varmint or other—coyotes, snakes, and such."
 Old Charley had unwrapped two heavy little boxes and now took from the side pocket of the car a large revolver. "This gun's one of mine—she's a dandy—I'd like you to have it, Mrs. Warren." There was quiet sincerity in the old man's voice which seemed to tell the girl very clearly that she should have the weapon.
 "Why—thank you—I—heavens! I'm scared to death of it!"
 "Here, take it."
 Ruth took the gun gingerly.
 "I brought along an extra box of shells," said Old Charley, "and we're going to have some target practice right now—when you once learn how to handle a gun and won't be scared of it—you'll find it a heap of comfort."
 And Ruth did find comfort and a satisfying thrill, when after the fourteenth consecutive shot she sent a forty-five bullet through the lid of David's hat box at a distance of twenty feet. At about the thirtieth shot she found that she could keep her eyes open, and became really interested. Already, the heavy black gun seemed not a terrifying monster but a powerful friend. Ruth's spirits rose.
 "Well, practice is what does it," remarked Old Charley; then quickly, "but I wouldn't practice much around the home ranch if I was you, Mrs. Warren." He paused and added significantly. "I don't know as Jep Snavely would like it—you might hit a horse or something."
 Then for an hour Ruth discussed ranching with Old Charley. She soon found that the son, too, was much interested in the subject. Ruth suspected that Will Thane had gone to the city to be educated and to make some money, and that having done both his thoughts were turning toward the country and the work he had known in boyhood. Several times she saw his eyes fixed on the mountains or gazing into the valley in the manner of one looking upon good things.
 And during all of his talk—from the first two minutes after Old Charley's arrival Ruth Warren knew that her father was not even going to answer her letter. He must have received it, or it would have been returned. Almost she wished that she had not been suspicious of Snavely that morning five weeks ago. If she had not taken that second letter to the box herself, while Snavely was off somewhere destroying the first, she could now blame the lack of an answer on to him and without losing caste with herself write another. But she would write no more letters. Her people

were not interested in her; very well, she could take care of herself. Her pride told her that this was best—she would not have cared to have Old Charley, for example, know that she had cried for help.
 When Old Charley and his son had gone, the girl boosted David onto Sanchez and led her own horse to the gate. She paused, as her hand touched the fastening bar, and looked for a time at the crudely lettered sign. She had just put on a light coat with deep pockets—the right-hand pocket sagged heavily with the weight of its contents. She thrilled with the comfort of this weight and pressed it against her side. It added greatly to her growing sense of power; she knew many worthwhile things about ranching, and she could shoot a revolver. Suddenly she dropped Brisket's reins, picked up a stone and hammered the sign off the gate . . .
 "Just what kind of a situation is that, Dad?" Will was asking, as ancient Lena bore them over the hill to the south of the gate.
 "Danged if I rightly know," replied Old Charley. "I'd like to ask her some things straight out—but—oh, hell, she knows what she's up against and she ain't the kind that wants their private affairs nosed into."
 "No, I can see that," replied Will thoughtfully.
 "Cute kid," remarked Old Charley a moment later.
 "I'll say so! How in the world she ever got out here—" Will paused abruptly. "He is a nice little fellow, all right, and what a kick he got out of that hat! He seems to be taking to the life."
 "Yeah," interrupted the father, "a very cute kid."
 Ruth awaited the opportunity and finally cornered Snavely late one afternoon by the door of the saddle shed.
 "Mr. Snavely, I mentioned at our last talk that I was going to write for capital to improve the ranch—I—it seems that there will be some delay."
 Snavely smiled sourly.
 "But," continued the girl hastily. "I am sure that we can do a good deal without capital. First, I understand that the rains are expected about the end of June—less than a month away. You say that the big watering pond will carry us over, but that all the feed will soon be gone in that neighborhood. If we do have rains won't the other ponds which are down in the meadow lands be filled?"
 "Maybe," he shrugged, "but they ain't deep enough to hold it long."
 "Then the thing to do is to have them deepened before the rain comes, don't you think so?"
 "Where are you goin' to get the money fer diggin' 'em out?"
 "Well, that should be possible—let's say that we deepen the three

lower ponds. You say there's one hundred and fifty-one dollars in the bank; we could get a couple of Mexicans from that little border town—Palo Verde—for about four dollars a day. And we have the plow and horses and Fresno. If the money won't be enough we could pay them off with an old cow or two—they'll do anything for fresh beef, you know."
 Snavely shook his head. "Since you come we'll have to spend that money for more grub."
 "Oh, I hardly think so. I've taken an inventory of what we have and I think it will last long time—if we don't hold any banquets or celebrations," she smiled.
 Snavely looked at the girl curiously.
 Ruth hardly paused for breath. "So let's get at the ponds right away. Now, then, as we're going to have plenty of water we should get some more stock. I should think it might be possible to get a few head—say about two hundred more cows and at least twenty young bulls by swinging some sort of a dickie with some other rancher."
 Snavely did not speak for nearly a minute. At last he said slowly. "You're gittin' onto a heap of things, ain't you?"
 "I'm doing my best. Mr. Snavely—this ranch is going to be a real ranch some day and we've got to think of everything and take advantage of everything which will help us."
 "Well, while you're thinking of everything, suppose you think of what will happen if we don't get no rain this summer."
 "Well, I once knew a man who had lived in this country for more than sixty years and he said that nobody can tell anything about the weather. So you see we can't shape our course very clearly on experience. But we can go ahead as though things were going to be as they usually are. And of course we most have the ponds deepened anyway—even if we don't try to get more cattle just now."
 Snavely regarded the girl through half-closed eyes. "Say, jest what do you think you know about this country, anyways—do you figger you can tell me how to run this ranch? You don't know nothin', you can't tell a waterin' trough from a rowboat. You been here a couple o' months an' you aim to tell me how to run a twenty-thousand acre cow ranch. If you think you can head me the way you want me to go, think again! I offered to buy you out fair an' square once, an' you didn't

have sense enough to take me up. All right, I'm a mind to take back that there offer an' let you bump into a few things. Before a month's out you'll come back' me for train fare out of here. If you're so set on improvin' things, fly to it"—he thrust his face forward—"but don't figger none on me; this ranch is like I want it now!"
 Ruth was white, but she answered evenly as she turned to walk away. "Very well, Mr. Snavely. There's only one thing for me to do now."
 Snavely let her take perhaps a dozen steps, then, "What did you say? Wha's that you're aimin' to do?"
 Ruth stopped and faced him, her heart pounding. "Mr. Snavely, I am going to improve this ranch. You (Continued on Page Six.)"
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PERSONALS

Miss Irs Garrett is spending the week in Moran.
Mrs. Edith Fox of Dallas is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. E. Carr.
J. S. Swann was a business visitor in Fort Worth the first part of the week.
Thomas R. Blair of Fort Worth was a week-end visitor with his mother, Mrs. J. S. Blair, and other relatives.
Mrs. Frank Benson had as week-end guests her sister, Mrs. J. E. Hawkins, and Mrs. Sam Vines, both of San Angelo.
Mrs. Luther Allen has returned to Denton after a visit with her mother, Mrs. W. J. Hayes, the latter having recently undergone an operation.
Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey and daughter, Nancy Sue, spent the week-end with their parents, Mrs. H. P. Hulsey and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dasey.
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Stewart and son, R. A., Jr., were week-end guests of Mrs. Stewart's sister, Mrs. Len Sublett, and her father, T. H. Christopher.
Mrs. E. H. Cobb returned Thursday of last week to her home in Waco after a visit with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Caple. Mrs. Caple is now visiting in Waco and Bryan.
Mrs. Amy Sears and daughter, Miss Mary Eula Sears, and Miss Mossie Sears were a trio of World Fair visitors who returned Saturday night. They made the trip via automobile.
W. R. Hampton, an old time resident of Merkel, now making his home with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Porterfield, at Post, was a visitor here the latter part of the week.
Mr. and Mrs. Buck Mashburn and Mrs. S. M. Hunter were visitors to Lubbock Sunday. Terrell Mashburn is attending Texas Tech and Mrs. Hunter went to see her daughters, Misses Beryl and Odelle.
Mrs. T. V. Touchstone of Abilene was a visitor in Merkel Wednesday. She and her daughter, Miss Mollie Frank Touchstone, returned Monday from visiting A Century of Progress. They were members of a Dixie Tours party.
After a visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reagh, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Whately and Mr. and Mrs. Judson Brown returned Monday to their home at May, Texas. They were accompanied by C. V. Whately, also of May, who had been visiting here for several weeks. Mrs. Whately is a sister to Mrs. Reagh, while Mrs. Brown is a niece of Mrs. Reagh.

Warning Concerning Barber Work
Having visited and inspected the various barber shops in the city of Merkel, I wish to say that I find them complying with the state barber laws in every respect. However, I find that some people in the city have been doing some barber work, such as cutting hair, etc., who have not procured the necessary state license, as is required by law, and hereby issue a warning that the same is in violation of the law, even though only a small or no charge is made for same, and trust those who may have made such practice will cease such operation before it becomes necessary to take prosecution steps.

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CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank all of our friends who assisted us in any way during the illness, death and burial of our beloved father, who died at Slaton October 9 and was buried at Merkel October 10. May God's richest blessings rest upon you.

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Summerville was an unsophisticated "Mama's boy" whose mother had purchased Pullman tickets for the bridal couple for the wrong night, and had thus subjected her precious offspring to a rather depressing experience. She it was, too, who had put the game of checkers in his luggage. And to add to the gaiety of the occasion, she flew to Niagara Falls by plane and greeted them as they fell backwards off the train at sight of her!

This is one of the hilarious sequences in "Out All Night," the Universal comedy which comes to the Queen theatre Monday and Tuesday, with Summerville and Miss Pitts in the starring roles. The picture deals with the courtship and subsequent marriage of two bashful souls, and is said to be filled with funny incidents. Important supporting roles are played by Laura Hope Crews, Alexander Carr, Rollo Lloyd and Shirley Grey, and the picture was directed by Sam Taylor.

Sam Butman, Sr., Has Returned: Looks Fine

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr., arrived Sunday night on the Sunshine Special from an extended visit to Mr. Butman's old home town, Searsport, Me.

Leaving here on July 28, Mr. Butman, as was reported in The Mail at the time, became very ill on the way. He first had medical aid at St. Louis, Mo., then at Albany, N. Y. On arriving in Boston, he was soon taken to Melrose hospital where he underwent a major operation. He remained in the hospital eight weeks and had been away from the hospital about two weeks before starting home.

"Fellows, I've ben through the mill," Mr. Butman says. He is getting along nicely—able to come up town for a while each day. He will be glad to see all of his friends at his home in town.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

W. S. Tefford, former resident of Merkel, celebrated his 96th birthday last Saturday, October 7, at his home, 210 Amarillo, Abilene. His daughter, Mrs. J. F. Sharp, was present with all the other children, except one, to extend congratulations.

City Marshal P. P. Dickinson had a busy day Saturday and as a result fourteen persons faced misdemeanor charges of drunkenness and gaming in city court Monday morning.

Bill Comegys received burns Thursday night of last week in a blaze which destroyed the boiler shed of the New Deal Oil & Refining company at Abilene. Bill's clothes were in flames when associates rushed to his assistance and beat out the fire. He received burns on the hand and leg.

Earl D. Henry has just opened the Merkel Paint shop on Kent street in the building adjacent to the Merkel Produce company. He is an experienced workman and prepared to do general painting.

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Rainfall for Year to Date Only 10 Inches

While Tuesday night's rain was not general by any means it was most welcome as an aid to feed crops and pasturage as well as for fall seasoning.

Merkel's portion of the rain measured 1 3/8 inches, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale. Rainfall in Abilene at the same time was only .37 of an inch.

With the date well advanced into the tenth month of the year, the total rainfall for 1933 so far here is now recorded at 10 1/8 inches.

J. S. Bickley

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with her father at Stanton since his wife's death.

Other survivors include ten grandchildren. T. H. Christopher is a nephew of the deceased, while Mrs. Len Sublett and Mrs. Rufus Adcock are grandnieces and Carl Hughes, Merkel, and Earl Hughes, Abilene city tax collector, are grand nephews. Mrs. Henry Frazier of Merkel is a sister of the late Mrs. Bickley.

A number of friends from out of town came to attend the funeral here and, among the relatives present, were the children: Rev. C. A. Bickley and family, Lubbock; J. C. Bickley and family, Stanton; J. M. Bickley, Chatfield, and Miss Annie Bickley, Stanton, and a grand niece, Mrs. R. A. Stewart, of Lamesa, a grand nephew, Earl Hughes, of Abilene, and Miss Ganevera Middleton, of Stanton.

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White Church News

Cotton picking is the order of the day here. Only a few, however, are almost up with their picking.

The children are smiling as our school will begin Monday under the supervision of Miss Baucum of Abilene and Miss Dunlap of near Dera.

Mrs. P. R. Demere is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. John Coomer, of Sweetwater.

Mrs. H. West spent last week with her children on the Divide.

Mrs. H. E. Farmer visited last week with her sister, Mrs. John Abernathy, at Trent.

W. A. Harrison and daughter, Lena V., have been real sick, but they are better at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Gold Riggan and little son of Big Spring visited their mother, Mrs. P. A. Riggan, and family last week.

Mrs. A. D. Barnes and sons, Woodrow and Doyle, attended the Sweetwater Baptist association in Abilene last Thursday.

Rev. Paul Collins of Merkel preached here Sunday afternoon and night.

Miss Pauline Demere is visiting her niece, Mrs. Mims, of Water Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Latimer and daughter, Evelyn, of Blair, visited in the A. D. Barnes home Sunday and the two families attended church at Nubia Sunday night.

Mrs. O. W. Reed and daughter, Mrs. A. D. King, were shopping in Sweetwater last Saturday.

Howard Brown of Blair was seen in our midst one day last week.

Everyone remember next Sunday is preaching day and try to be present, as this will be Brother Click's last day here. He goes to annual conference November 9.

Hodges Happenings.

After quite an absence we will try to write a few more happenings. Cotton picking seems to be taking the day. If the weather continues to be dry, most folks will soon be through gathering; both cotton and maize are better in our community than any place around here this year. Perhaps some of you folks in other places haven't been paying the preacher?

Robert Thomas and Lester Golden of Clark county, Ark., are visiting friends and relatives in this and the Sixth community.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Driden and daughters were recent visitors at the home.

Miss Hazel Armwine has returned home from California where she has been visiting for quite a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walsh and boys visited Sunday at the home of Mrs. Etta Causseaux at White Flat.

Mrs. Neely Spradlin is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Odis Hudson, at Comper.

Mrs. Bunyan Newman is on the sick list. We hope she will soon be all right again.

Mr. and Mrs. Coda Stephenson entertained a few friends with a party Saturday night and all had a nice time.

Our school began this week, with the same teachers we had last year. The old as well as the young gladly welcome them back and wish them a very pleasant school term.

Next Sunday is regular preaching day at the Baptist church and everyone is invited to attend.

Oh, yes, we almost forgot to report that Rev. and Mrs. Walsh of Hamlin, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Dock Thomas of Oklahoma, Ark., were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh.

Wake up, White Flat, and let us hear from you.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

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BLAIR ITEMS

Miss Margaret Thomas of Bronie was the guest of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, recently.

Mrs. Susie Doan, Mrs. Hugh Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and family motored over to Rotan and visited with the former's son, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan, the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dullin of Sweetwater spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer are sporting around in their new Chevrolet coupe. Uncle Jack has christened it Betsy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks and family are the proud owners of a new model V-8 Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan and family visited with their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer, at Snyder the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer, Mrs. Hugh Campbell and Bob Malone attended the Baptist convention at Abilene Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scoggins enjoyed a visit from relatives from Trent the past week.

Etsel Farmer of White Church has moved to Blair and is staying with his aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, to take advantage of the school here.

The Blair school opened Monday for a term of eight months school. The faculty are: J. J. Russell, Tye, principal; Buster Hines, Tye, Spanish; Miss Thelma McAninch, Merkel, intermediate, and Miss White, Tye, primary.

Mrs. Sam Horton and daughter, Dessa, of Trent, visited with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore and family visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Mayberry, recently.

Little Master Milburn Latimer spent several days with his aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Patterson and son, William, visited in the Deck Blackburn home at Nubia Monday.

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RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE CLUB NEWS.

The Union Ridge Demonstration club met Friday, October 6, for the purpose of cutting foundation patterns. Mrs. Melvin Carey, assisted by Mrs. W. J. Derstine and Miss Blanche Carey, acted as hostesses.

Mrs. T. U. Turner from the Centerlien club of Turner's chapel, Mrs. Henry Antilley from the Elm Dale club and Mrs. W. C. Lee from the Salt Branch club met with us in an all day affair to assist us in the cutting of the foundation patterns. There were nine patterns cut. At the next meeting we are to give a full report of this year's work.

At the noon hour a bountiful dinner was served and in the afternoon punch and angel food cake was served to Mesdames S. G. Russell, J. L. McRee, W. H. Derstine, Oliver Carey, Arch Harris, S. C. Vick, S. O. Patton, O. E. Harwell, Marvin Douglass, Denzel Cox, Fred Guitler, W. C. Lee, W. J. Derstine, Melvin Carey, T. U. Turner and Henry Antilley of Abilene, Misses Mabel McRee, Banche Carey, Ruby and Norma Patton.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Last Saturday afternoon Mrs. J. H. Clark honored her son, Junior, with a birthday party on his twelfth birthday. All little children from the Union Ridge community attended. After gifts were assembled and several hours of playing were enjoyed, cake and ice cream were served to the following: Masters Doswell and Blanton Carey and J. R. Baker, Misses Svbil Harris, Dessie Marie and Francis Baker, Effiebel and Veda Lee Pannell, Lavern Douglas, Bernie, Alberta and Pauline Dean and the honoree.

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HEBRON NEWS

Rev. Joyner filled his two regular appointments Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell and family were afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere at Blair Sunday.

The mother of A. J. Sharp and nephew of Huston are visiting with the Sharps.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goza are entertaining a little lady at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell and daughter, Vedalee, were in Hamlin Tuesday afternoon.

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- Spuds U. S. No. 1, Idaho, 10 lbs. 19c
- LETTUCE, fresh crisp, head 5c
- CABBAGE, pound 3c
- Sugar Pure Cane, cloth bag, 10 pounds 49c
- PEACHES, R & W, No. 2 1-2 can, 3 for 50c
- PINEAPPLE, R & W, No. 1 can, 6 for 55c
- PORK & BEANS, B & W, 12 cans 69c
- Pinto Beans 10 lbs. 49c
- TOMATOES, No. 2 cans, dozen 99c
- PEAS, Economy, No. 2 can, 2 for 27c
- CORN, R & W, No. 2 can, 4 for 49c
- POST TOASTIES, package 11c
- JELLO, 3 packages 25c
- COCOANUT, Premium, 1-4 lb. pkg. 10c
- Coffee Sun Up pound 19c
- COFFEE, R & W, 1 lb. can 33c
- OATS, R & W, 55 ounce pkg. 15c
- PANCAKE FLOUR, pkg. 12c
- FLOUR, R & W, 24 lbs. 99c—48 lbs. \$1.95
- CATSUP, R & W, 14 oz. bottle 15c
- PICKLES, quart, sour 19c
- Soap R & W, 6 Giant bars 25c
- SALT, 1 1-2 lb. package, 3 for 10c
- Compound 8 lb. carton 55c
- BACON, dry salt, pound 10c
- BACON, sliced, pound 18c
- Ham Picnic lb. 12 1/2c

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CHAPEL NEWS.

Rev. W. B. West, Jr., Church of Christ minister, spoke in chapel on Tuesday, October 3. Mr. O. J. Adeock, gave the invocation.

Rev. West's talk was on the dominating theme and purpose of Paul's life and how it would help us. He said we should be unsatisfied because unsatisfied leads to great and greater achievements, but we should never be dissatisfied. Some people were born with a negative attitude or in "the objective case and kickative mood."

The second aim of Paul was to do knowledge is for the sake of doing. The more one knows, the more the world expects of him. We are not judged by whether we win or lose the game, but how we play it.

PEP SQUAD NEWS.

The Pep Squad has attended all the games in some percent. Most of the girls who have gone to the games feel that they have played at least a small part in the winning of the games.

They are expecting every person in Merkel out to see the game next Friday with Haskell. The Pep Squad girls have a stunt that they feel will illustrate their interest in the football boys. Now that the Pep suits are all ready, they are going to put all they have in boosting the Badger team.

SOPH NEWS.

Here we are again and we haven't organized our class yet. But we have been so busy doing other things that we haven't had time. We are still backing those Badgers; they won another game Friday with Stamford. We are certainly proud of our Soph football players. Also a few of the Soph girls are helping win these games in their pretty white Pep suits. Aren't they snappy? We will be with you again next week; look for us.

JUNIOR NEWS.

Are we proud of our Junior football boys? Well, I'd think so! Of course, we're proud of all of the football boys, but we're proud of the Juniors, especially, (naturally we would be). But why not? Who was it that made three touchdowns, with the help of some other Juniors, etc.? A Junior, of course, and who is the captain of the team? Another Junior!! and a very, very good one at that. Please, don't get the impression that the Juniors are conceited. We're just stating plain facts. Why, you wouldn't think for a minute we can help it because we're so extraordinarily good. Would you?

SENIORS.

Have you seen what the Seniors are wearing? If you haven't, you'd better be looking around for a peep at our rings. Just part of the Seniors have their rings, but we're certainly proud of them, as well as our bracelets.

Say, have you heard about our "All American" football player? The other day at Stamford, he went down the field for a touchdown. After running about 35 yards, the touchdown didn't count. It so happened that some of the boys on both Merkel and Stamford's team were offside. We're proud of him for he did his part. If you don't know who the "All American" football player is—he's David Gamble. Two or three more of our Seniors are coming out, too. It won't be long until Jack West will be playing, and L. C. Evans is showing up well as tackle. Of course, Little Kit Carson is out too.

DID YOU KNOW—

Lois doesn't know as much about herself as others do?

Jack Patterson is "show-off" in American history class?

One should carry a lug wrench when he goes to football games?

Boaz received a big write-up about the game Friday?

Shannon and Moore got knocked out at Stamford?

Wanda, Billie Bernice, Lois and Caribel were almost kidnapped Saturday night? (But the moon was too bright.)

The rest of the Seniors will receive their rings in a week or two?

Tommy retires early and never goes to church?

Kenneth makes better time at twenty-five miles per hour than most people do at sixty?

"Smitty" has a date for the banquet already.

BOYS' GLEE CLUB.

The organization plans of the Boys' Glee club have been completed. The officers elected are: president, Bussy Boaz; vice president, Joe Earl Lassiter; secretary and treasurer, Kennedy Whiteley.

We are practicing on a few choruses, which we hope to present soon.

INCALCULABLE.

Nobody has ever added up The value of a smile.
We know how much a dollar's worth And how much is a mile
We know the distance to the sun, The size and weight of earth;
But no one here can tell us How much a smile is worth.

HENS.

"Did you ever stop to think that hard times means nothing to a hen? She just keeps on digging worms and laying eggs, regardless of what the newspapers say about conditions. If the ground is hard, she scratches harder; if it's dry, she digs deeper. If she strikes a rock, she works around it. But always she digs up worms and turns them into shell profits, as well as tender meat. Did you ever know of one starving to death waiting for worms to dig themselves to the surface? Did you ever hear one cackle because times were hard? Not on your life! She saves her breath for digging and her cackle for eggs."

HUMOROUS.

Mr. Irvin: "Isn't dinner ready yet?"
Mrs. Irvin: "No, dear. I got it according to the time you set the clock when you came in last night, and dinner will be ready in four hours."

Johnnie Sears to Miss Patterson: "I saw the milkman kiss you this morning. In the future I will take the milk in."

Miss Patterson: "It would be no use; he's promised never to kiss anybody but me."

Jack Lowe: "Here, Mister, hold my horse a minute will you?"

"Sir! I am a member of congress."
Jack L.: "Never mind, you look honest; I'll take a chance."

Senior: (to slightly intoxicated friend): "You'd sure be an asset to an army in case of a war."
Friend: "How?"

Senior: "You'd make a wonderful tank."

Mrs. Irvin (in Senior English): "Really, David, your handwriting is terrible. You must learn to write better."

David: "Well, if I did, you'd be finding fault with my spelling."

THE PENALTY OF BRAVERY.

Most people don't know that Milton Shannon was once shot in a battle for self defense, but he was. It all happened back in '32 when Milton went to Austin to run in the one mile race there. It was a dark and cloudy night, and Coach Irvin met some old friends who invited him out to their home for a midnight luncheon. Now most people don't know he does things like that, but he accepted. All the first class hotels were full and Milton had a room on the second floor of a small hotel which was almost doubtful. True to his childhood training, Milton went to bed very early. Now, most people don't know it, but Milton carries quite a large bank roll around nearly all the time. He was a stranger in a strange place and his roll of green backs was causing him extreme anxiety. Finally, though, he placed it under his pillow along side of his gun, and went to sleep.

Suddenly he awoke. Was that a noise? It was very dark. Milton felt cramped in the short bed. He looked toward the one window in the room, and there, silhouetted against its pale light, was the head and shoulders of a man! He was evidently standing at the foot of the bed. Milton's heart missed a beat, but his head remained cool. He reached for his gun... the head moved! He lay still. The head still towered above him. He drew his gun from its place under the pillow—the head moved again! Milton's head began to swim from worry about his bank roll. He lay perfectly still for a long time. The head did not move. Oh, why didn't Coach come on? The room was very dark. Milton waited for the worst. The head still did not move. When he could stand the suspense no longer, our young hero aimed his gun carefully at the prowler's forehead... and... fired!

There was an awful howl of pain

and remorse as Milton realized he had shot off his big toe.

Now most people think Milton did splendidly to come in eighth in that race, but that is because they don't know that he could have won first, if he hadn't had a sore foot.

Whispering Rock

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are my partner and it's one partner's duty to help the other. I don't pretend to know much about this work, but I know a great deal more than I did, and I do understand the general principle that to make improvements we have got to begin. If you feel that we should go on as you always have, then you and I do not agree and we shall have to ask for outside help to settle our difficulties. I have certain rights on this ranch and I shall go into town next mail day and consult a lawyer. I wanted to go in with you and get some legal advice in the first place—"

"Now listen here, partner—" Snavey walked toward her. His attitude had changed. "I've already told you there's no legal advice needed. Your will is all straight and I recognize it. That's all that's necessary—if you didn't have no right here—his voice roes shrilly—"if you didn't—" he choked back his words and for a moment was silent, then—"Look here, we can't stand no fussin'. I'm a queer one all right, you probably think—and you're probably right, but I'm your partner and we've got to work together. The objections I had to your schemes awhile back was just because they didn't seem possible. But I see now that you're right in one thing. We got to get a start on improvement. All right, let's tackle them repressas. I'll go to Palo Verde tomorrow and by next day I'll be back with a couple of chalos. And we can start in, Mrs. Warren. I aim to do anything I can to help fix up the ranch—only, it's got to be possible—it's just got to be possible."

In spite of Ruth's victory her knees could hardly support her on the way back to the adobe ruin. Somehow the fact that Snavey had agreed to do as she wished made her fear him the more. He knew now that she was not going to be easy to handle; what would he do next? She did not believe that he would mildly subside.

As David was outside earnestly endeavoring to rope a rooster with a miniature riata, Ruth unlocked her trunk and took a comforting peek at the ugly black revolver. She wished she could practice more with it... After a time she relocked the trunk and moved her chair near the doorway where she could keep an eye on David, and watch the sunset shadows steal past her into the distant valley. The old oak tree spread its protecting arms—a faithful, gentle guardian...

(Continued Next Week.)

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

"FLU TIME"
Prevent the flu and Break Up That Cold With Hamm's Cold Capsules.
Guaranteed—
Sie Hamm Drug Co.
Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

Pain Relief In Minutes
Demand and Get
BAYER
GENUINE BAYER ASPIRIN

BECAUSE of a unique process in manufacture, Genuine Bayer Aspirin Tablets are made to disintegrate—or dissolve—INSTANTLY you take them. Thus they start to work instantly. Start "taking hold" of even a severe headache, neuralgia, neuritis or rheumatic pain a few minutes after taking.
And they provide SAFE relief—for Genuine BAYER ASPIRIN does not harm the heart. So if you want QUICK and SAFE relief see that you get the real Bayer article. Look for the Bayer cross on every tablet is shown above and for the words GENUINE BAYER ASPIRIN on very bottle or package you buy.
Member N.R.A.
GENUINE BAYER ASPIRIN DOES NOT HARM THE HEART

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.
- Blanco G. L., personal, 1932, \$150.
- Bisco M. J., real, 1932, \$25.00.
- Blair Mrs. J. S., real, 1930-1932, \$67.87.
- Black B. M., Est., real, 1932, \$18.00.
- Black Jim, real, 1927-1932, \$22.50.
- Blakes Dry Cleaners, personal, 1931-1932, \$32.25.
- Blond Roscoe, real, 1930-1932, \$67.80.
- Board of Grand Trustees, real, 1932, \$5.25.
- Boden W. M., real, 1929-1931-1932, \$18.99.
- Boring J. D., Est., real, 1918-1920, 1930-1932, \$60.50.
- Boswell C. L., real, 1930-1932, \$5.25.
- Boyet 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 W. J., real, 1928-1932, \$85.13.
- Carson E. O., real, 1927, 1930-1932, \$107.02.
- 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.
- Corder R. W., real, 1928, 1930-1932, \$142.15.
- Canner Mrs. M. L., real, 1930-1932, \$2.50.
- Costephen J. E., real, 1930-1932, \$262.50.
- Cox A. R., real, 1923-1926; 1928-1932, \$54.80.
- Craig J. M., real, 1930-1932, \$45.00.
- Curtis E. W., real, 1932-1931, \$6.00.
- Dalton B. E., real, 1927-1932, \$105.50.
- 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.
- Demers Raymond, real, 1921, 1929-1932, \$51.50.
- Deutscherman Fred, real, 1915-1918, 1925, 1929, 1931, \$42.50.
- Dowell N. A., real, 1930-1932, \$95.62.
- Dunning W. H., real, 1915-1918, 1920, 1924, 1926-1932, \$446.58.
- Dye Mrs. O. R., real, 1930-1932, \$133.50.
- Dye A. V., Sr., real, 1930-1932, \$134.62.
- Dye Mrs. J. R., real, 1931-1932, \$35.26.
- Dyess A. B., real, 1931-1932, \$4.50.
- Erwin F. R., real, 1931-1932, \$11.75.
- Estes Dr. J. M., real, 1931-1932, \$20.
- Estes M. L., real, 1931-1932, \$27.75.
- Ferrier Mrs. J. B., Est., real, 1928-1932, \$95.25.
- Ferrier Ross, real, 1931-1932, \$42.25.
- 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, 1912-1919, 1936.75.
- 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, \$11.13.
- 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.
- Guitar Trust Est., real, 1914, 1931-1932, \$145.85.
- 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. I., real, 1926, 1928-1932, \$64.33.
- Hathway W. H., real, 1926, 1928-1932, \$85.55.
- Haynes W. W., real, 1932, \$38.25.
- Haynes 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, \$90.09.
- Higgins Ernest, real, 1930-1932, \$30.38.
- Higgins A. E., real, 1931-1932, \$48.50.
- Higgins C. S., real, 1930-1932, \$74.99.
- 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.
- Jenkins Ben, Est., real, 1931-1932, \$41.25.
- Jones Ben, real, 1922-1932, \$68.17.
- Johnson Mrs. L. F., real, 1930-1932, \$82.50.
- Johnson Aurra, real, 1931-1932, \$11.40.
- Keifer Mrs. Renaa, 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, \$60.15.
- 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, 1925, 1932, \$30.71.
- Miller J. T., real, 1931-1932, \$36.00.
- Murry L. L., personal, 1926-1928, 1931-1932, \$7.65.
- Murphy Jas. M., real, 1911-1916, 1921, 1930-1932, \$142.90.
- McCoy Jasper, personal, 1923-1927, 1931-1932, \$13.07.
- McCormell J. W., real, 1923, 1925, 1926, 1928-1932, \$218.31.
- McDonald G. H., real, 1917, 1925, 1927, 1928, 1930-1932, \$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, 1926-1932, \$78.90.
- Pierce Mrs. T. P., real, 1930-1932, \$71.63.
- Pilcher Mrs. Ben, real, 1926-1932, \$169.68.
- Popham S. D., Est., real, 1921, \$5.
- Price W. E., real, 1931-1932, \$33.75.
- Ramsey E. B., real, 1927, 1932, \$9.
- Reed R. 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.
- Richie 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, \$93.38.
- 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, \$19.88.
- Smith Ford, real, 1930-1932, \$52.50.
- Stanford Earl, real, 1930-1932, \$46.50.
- Stanford J. A., real, 1931-1932, \$88.05.
- Stagner P. F., real, 1929-1932, \$3.
- Stevens J. S., real, 1931-1932, \$39.00.
- Stevens C. P., real, 1913, 1916-1918, 1930-1932, \$176.99.
- 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 E. T., real, 1929-1932, \$101.63.
- Suber C. P., personal, 1920, 1922, 1923, 1926-1929, 1932, \$30.20.
- Tatum H. O., real, 1920-1932, \$170.9

BEAT HASKELL

Schedule

October 13—Merkel vs. Haskell at Merkel
 October 20—Merkel vs. Roscoe at Merkel
 October 27—Merkel vs. Winters at Winters
 November 3—Merkel vs. Roby at Merkel
November 11—Merkel vs. Hamlin at Hamlin
 November 17—Merkel vs. Rotan at Rotan
 November 24—Merkel vs. Snyder at Merkel



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MERKEL vs. HASKELL

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Badgers, we're proud of your victories over Anson and Stamford—we're backing you to the finish.

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 Merkel Motor Company
 American Cafe
 Bullock Hardware Company
 Dandy Bakery
 Woodrum Filling Station
 A. R. Booth Grocery
 Sam Swann Gin
 Bob Martin Grocery
 Patterson's Market
 Dowell Top, Body and Glass Works
 McDonald Grocery
 City Dry Cleaners
 Philco Radio Shop
 Speck Jeweler
 McFarland Garage
 Reid's Variety Store
 L. C. Zehnpennig, Dentist
 R. I. Grimes, M. D.

Farmers State Bank in Merkel
 Eli Case Grocery
 Blake's Dry Cleaners
 Perry Bros. Shoe Shop
 Wm. P. Carey Lumber Co.
 Merkel Drug Company
 Max Mellinger
 Wheeler and Vaughn Market
 West Company
 Sie Hamm Drug Co.
 Ferrier's Service Station
 Wood Grocery
 Nichols Ice and Coal Co.
 Oasis Service Station
 Barron Motor Company
 Burton-Lingo Company
 Orchid Beauty Shoppe
 Vestal Hicks Filling Station
 Liberty Filling Station

P. P. Dickinson, Marshal
 Permanent Wave Shop
 West Texas Utilities Co.
 Bob McDonald Barber Shop
 "M" System
 C. E. Shouse Garage
 J. T. King
 John Dunn
 W. J. Sheppard
 Brown's Bargain Store
 Bragg Dry Goods Co.
 Busy Bee Cafe
 Merkel Ice Company
 Woozy's Cafe
 Hughes Motor Co.
 Wm. Gambill, Dentist
 J. T. Dennis
 J. M. Collins
 Church Brothers

Morris Horton's Gulf Station
 Cotton's Good Eats
 Guitar Gin
 Byron Curb's Filling Station
 South Side Gin
 The Sandwich Shop
 W. T. Sadler, M. D.
 Texas Cotton Growers Gin Co.
 Farmers Co-Operative Society
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 C. B. Gardner, M. D.
 Modern Beauty Shop
 Queen Theatre
 Missie's Floral Shop
 Earl Teague
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BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Miss Marilyn Petty celebrated her third birthday on last Saturday afternoon, presiding over her first very own party. She was the surprised recipient of many pretty presents. Mrs. Petty was assisted by Miss Venie Heizer and Mrs. Comer Haynes in supervising games and stunts of familiar nursery rhymes in costume. Kodak pictures of the little players were also a favored diversion of the afternoon. At the refreshment hour two huge birthday cakes, trimmed in pink popcorn and animal crackers, and three tiny candles were cut and served with ice cream, with favors as dolls fashioned of candy and chewing gum, to each little guest. Friends joining in Marilyn's celebration were Ray Ann Hamm, Joy Frances West, Barbara Ann Brown, Sara Jenora Brown, Jackie Boaz Smith, Cheatem McFarland, Billy and Jack Haynes, Gwendolyn Vaughn, Fred Lee Hughes, Dorothy Nell, Lora Pearl and Wayne Haynes, Ralph Dye, Billy Morris Baze, Ann Louise, Doris Maye and Wayman Leopard, Mrs. Sam Swann and Patricia Ann, Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Sandra Leu, Mrs. Frank Hamm and Mrs. S. W. Sheppard.

TOOMBS REUNION.

The families of Mrs. J. R. and Mrs. T. J. Toombs had a reunion at the home of Mrs. T. J. Toombs in Merkel. Every one brought a well filled basket and a picnic lunch was served at noon. Those present were: Mrs. T. J. Toombs, H. H. Toombs and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Angus, Mrs. Myrtle Boden and Mary Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton, Mrs. Nat Anderson and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Toombs and family of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Will Toombs and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Toombs, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Toombs and family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Pogue and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Toombs and family, Mrs. J. R. Toombs, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Toombs and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Toombs and son, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Toombs and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gant and son, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pee, Mrs. Warren Higgins and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Risinger and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymour and family, Mrs. Nannie Perry and daughters, Miss Loretta Cox, Mr. Jack Davis and Mrs. B. M. Black.

T. E. L. CLASS PARTY.

The members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class were most graciously entertained in the home of Mrs. Earl Lassiter, north of Merkel, on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. E. W. King brought a sincere and touching devotional after which a most pleasant social hour was culminated with refreshments of Osgood pie and coffee, served to Mesdames Largent, Booth, Derstine, Reeves, King, Collins, Fulton, Stephens, Dye, Warren, and one visitor, Mrs. Joyner, and the hostesses.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

Mrs. John Russell entertained members of the Willing Workers class on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. W. M. Elliott was leader for the program which included plans for a quilting in the very near future. One visitor, Mrs. Charlie Russell, met with the following members: Misses Mary Derstine, Mary Keny and Dora Garoutte, Mesdames Curb, Butler, Elliott, Baker Russell, Wozencraft, Smith, Walker, Murray and Derstine.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our appreciation for the many acts of kindness and words of sympathy during the illness and death of our father and grandfather, Dr. J. W. H. Martin, and for the beautiful floral offerings. May God richly bless each of you. His Children and Grandchildren.
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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last week totalled exactly the same as on the previous Sunday, 796. On the same Sunday a year ago, 711 were present.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

The increase in attendance at church service last Sunday was heartening. But four more Sundays of this church year remain. Let us make them full ones. Evening service will be at 7 p. m. Our final quarterly conference will be held next week—Oct. 17. Let those who are expected to make reports be in readiness.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. You are cordially invited to all of these services.

J. J. Russell, Jr., Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

We had a good attendance Sunday. Brother Joyner preached a masterful sermon Sunday morning on "The Sufferings of Christ" taken from Isaiah 53. Sunday night he preached on "The Supreme Court Decision," Matt. 7:21-23. The Sweetwater Baptist association met at Abilene last week and Brother Joyner was elected moderator of the association for the coming year. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. B. T. S. at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

Only twelve were present at the first meeting of the new W. M. S. year. We hope to have a larger number present next Monday. Our pastor will teach in the book of Revelations. On Tuesday, October 21, the women will meet to sew for Buckner's Orphan Home. Members are asked to bring any usable garment to be put in the box.

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.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

We are back on our job again after three weeks absence. Brother V. B. Atteberry delivered a very fine message Sunday morning. All who were not present missed a treat. He also plans to be back with us about the middle of November. We'll announce the date later. Regular singing each Tuesday 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 8 p. m.

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Thursday night—Live Baby Given Away.

m. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. each Sunday. N. Y. P. S. 7 p. m. each Sunday.

Everyone has a welcome to worship with us and we'll do our best to make you feel welcome.
Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.
Mrs. Fannie King, Supt.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

"The Price of the Modern Dance" will be the subject next Sunday night, answering such questions as these: "Does Bible speak of dancing?" "Does Bible condemn dancing?" "Can a person who dances go to heaven?" "What harm is there in dancing?" Proof given from Bible, dancing teachers, doctors, etc. Better than 50 were present at our Wednesday night prayer meeting. Saturday night we preach on Hebrews, 6th chapter. Last Sunday we rejoiced to see the Lord still adding to the church. We want everybody to be present in Sunday School next Sunday. We welcome you to all our services.
Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

Tent Show Here Under Auspices of Fireboys

Under the auspices of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department, the Kennedy Sisters stock company will show here all next week in a tent. The location will be east of Warren Higgins garage. For the opening play Monday night "Honest Sinners and Sainly Hypocrites" will be presented. On this occasion ladies will be admitted free when accompanied by paid ticket.

NOTICE.

I want to buy maize. Before you sell, see me.
L. L. Murray.

Merkel Wins

(Continued from Page One) and the score was 19-6 for the Badgers.

Boaz carried the praise of 3 touchdowns, but without the forward wall he would have been completely stopped. Shannon was outstanding in the line, while Gamble and Smith held down their part of the game.

Dunlap, fullback for Stamford, and Ruthenford, tackle, were the outstanding players for the opposing team.

Stamford had the edge on Merkel by about ten or fifteen pounds to the man; however they were inexperienced. Because of heavy penalties and fumbling Stamford lost several chances to score.

The starting line-up was:
Merkel Position Stamford
Shannon (c) LT Semland
Evan LT Ruthenford
Shelton LG Walter
Moore C Freer
Tatum RG Miles
Higgins RT Lane
Jones RF McKeemen
Carrish Q Terry
Durham H Farquan (c)
Smith H Simpson
Boaz F Dunlap

Substitutes for Merkel: Pangle for Tipton; Carson for Jones; McAlinch for Evans; Tipton for Shelton; Tecombs for Tipton; Adock for Smith; L. K. Carson for Moore.

Summary of the game:
Yards gained from scrimmage: Merkel 244, Stamford 169.
Yards lost from scrimmage: Merkel 11, Stamford, 23.

Penalties: Merkel 3 for 15 yards; Stamford 9 for 75 yards.
First downs: Merkel 7, Stamford 11.

Passes: Merkel didn't try any; however they intercepted two. Stamford tried 12; 7 were incomplete; 3 were complete for about 29 yards; 2 were intercepted.

Score by quarters:
Merkel 7 0 6 6—19
Stamford 0 0 0 6—6
Scoring touchdowns: Merkel, Boaz 3; point after touchdown, Boaz; Stamford, Dunlap.

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- Oranges & Apples** 2 doz. **25c**
- CHEESE**, full cream, pound 20c
- Bologna** 2 lbs. **25c**
- SUNBRITE CLEANSER**, 2 cans 9c
- Crackers** Saltines 2 pound box **25c**
- CORN FLAKES**, per package 10c
- PORK & BEANS**, 16 oz. can, 4 for 25c
- Compound** 8 lbs. **55c**
- MACKEREL**, tall cans, 2 for 19c
- Raisins** Sun Maid 4 lb. pkg. **28c**
- PICKLES**, sour, quart jar 20c
- Hams** Armour's Picnic per pound **12¹/₂c**
- PEANUT BUTTER**, 2 lb. qt. jar 27c
- Soap** P & G, Crystal White or Big Ben, Giant size bars, 6 for **25c**
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