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BADGERS MEET DISTRICT LEADERS IN GAME TO BE PLAYED AT ROTAN FRIDAY

Locals Now in Third Place in Conference Standing; Could Upset the District by Wins From Rotan and Snyder.

Merkel will play the district leaders, the Yellow Hammers, on the latter's home field on Friday of this week. Rotan leads the district with four wins and two ties.

Roby last week tied the Yellow Hammers, 6 to 6, while the week prior to that Roby beat the Badgers on a muddy field, 6 to 0. According to figures, Rotan is only 6 points better than the Badgers.

Captain Shannon and Jones will not be in the line-up because of broken fingers received in practice.

Merkel can upset the district race by winning from Rotan and Snyder. Merkel is now in third place in the district race.

Standing of teams in the conference follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Tie
Rotan	4	0	2
Roscoe	3	1	1
Snyder	3	1	1
Merkel	3	2	2
Haskell	2	2	1
Hamlin	2	3	1
Anson	1	2	2
Roby	1	4	1
Stamford	0	4	1

BADGERS TROUCE HAMLIN.
HEAD T O K U M : : : cmfwy
Scoring on the thirteenth play of the game, Merkel had the Pied Pipers in their hands throughout the game Monday.

Hamlin scored in the second quarter on a pass from Watts to Mullins, Hamlin's captain and center. The score then remained tied for the first half, but a different Badger team came back the second half, scoring two touchdowns in the third period.

The Badgers took the ball in the first few minutes of the second half and chalked up the second tally. The extra point was good. Only a few minutes later, Boaz galloped 43 yards, putting the ball in scoring position, from where Gamble made the third and final score.

The last quarter Coach Irvin sent in his entire "wrecking crew." This being the first game for most of them (Continued on Page Two.)

Dee Bland's Dog Wins Chief Racing Event

Cricket Craig, owned by Dee Bland, was winner of the 16 dog registered stake, the big event of the dog races at the Abilene racing course last Sunday afternoon. This was the only race in which Cricket Craig, winner in every stake run last year and this, was entered Sunday.

Greyhound races are announced again for Sunday, November 26, on the Abilene course.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, November 14, 1913.)

Miss Sellie Toombs had as her guest Sunday Miss Bettie Peterson of Trent.

Will Warren went to Abilene Tuesday to take in the Gentry Brothers Show.

Miss Eather Williams spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

Joe Calloway was taken to Abilene Saturday to the sanitarium where he will undergo an operation.

Miss Charlie Belle Thomas had as her guest Miss Grace Terry of Trent Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Austin Boyd spent the weekend in Abilene visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Alice Williams of Abilene is in our city visiting friends.

Capt. Oliver, having been in El Paso, passed through Wednesday en route to Texarkana.

Oscar Owens, farmer and stockman, who lives on Elm creek over on the Divide, suffered a broken jawbone and

GRAHAM CHILDREN HONOR MOTHER ON 56TH BIRTHDAY

On Sunday, November 5, friends and relatives gathered at the old Graham homestead at Greenville in honor of Mrs. M. C. Graham's fifty-sixth birthday. There were 47 present and many well filled baskets were brought for the occasion.

At the noon hour all gathered around a long table heavily loaded with good things to eat. A beautiful decorated birthday cake was presented to the honoree by Miss Vera Crawford.

Mrs. Graham's children planned the event as a surprise to their mother and they were all with her for the joyful occasion. The children are: Messrs. Eli and Giles Graham, Merkel; Mrs. J. O. Hallmark, Merkel; Mrs. Lee Keyes, Trent; Mrs. Ed Williamson, Nocona, and J. R. Graham, Greenville.

Largent's Show Cattle To Exhibit at Chicago

Chicago, Nov. 16.—One of the well known purebred cattle herds of Texas, that of C. M. Largent and Sons, at Merkel, will be represented by exhibits at the 1933 International Live Stock show. The exposition will be held at the Chicago Stock Yards December 2 to 9.

According to the management, the Largents will send seventeen entries for the Hereford competition of this largest of the continent's live stock shows, where last year one of their nominations won the most spectacular award of the Exposition, the steer grand championship.

B. H. Heide, secretary-manager of the International Live Stock show, predicts that the number of exhibits at the 1933 Exposition will exceed all past records. With the closing of entries for the live stock departments on November 1, the total number of animals listed for competition this year is near the 12,000 mark, and he says that herds will be coming from such far sections of the continent as California and Connecticut, Canada and the Gulf states.

Commissioners Dinner Guests of Tuscola Man

Members of the Taylor county commissioners court, who met Monday in their regular bi-monthly session, were guests at noon of Commissioner Rex Dillard and Mrs. Dillard at their home in Tuscola for a turkey dinner.

In the party were: Judge John L. Camp, Commissioners Sid H. McAdams, A. J. Canon and Luther Webb and L. R. Thompson, county auditor.

Girls Quartette From Simmons Here Sunday

"Living for Jesus" is the theme of the program to be given by the Simmons Girls quartette at the First Baptist church here Sunday evening, beginning at 7 o'clock. The complete program follows:

Opening hymn, "Send the Light." Prayer, quartette response, "Dresden."

Introduction of chairman. Scripture.

First group: "Talents, Talents;" "Living for Jesus;" "Did You Think to Pray?"; "Be Thou My Guide."

Reading, quartette accompaniment. Second group: "Deep River;" "Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me;" "God Is Love."

Offertory, dedication prayer. "We Give Thee But Thine Own." Solo.

Third group: "In the Garden;" "Beautiful Isle;" "How Tedious and Tasteless the Hours;" "Safely and Tenderly."

Benediction, response: "My Jesus, I Love Thee."

Record of Births. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Pink Pearson, Saturday, November 11, 1933.

News was received here Tuesday morning that Mrs. L. Sparkman had met with a serious street car accident Saturday evening in Dallas.

REV. P. H. GATES COMES TO MERKEL AS NEW PASTOR

Succeeds Rev. E. L. Yeats, Assigned to Spur Church; Presiding Elder W. M. Murrell Returned to Abilene District.

Rev. P. H. Gates, who served at Littlefield last year and who was at Stanton part of the previous year, is the new pastor assigned to the Methodist church here as successor to Rev. E. L. Yeats.

The new pastor will arrive with his family either late Thursday afternoon or Friday morning and will preach at the usual services Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Yeats, who has proved so helpful in advancing Methodism in this city and section during the three years of his pastorate here, goes to Spur. He and his family will leave the last of the week. Brother Yeats has not only ministered to his flock but has found time and occasion to make his influence felt in all religious and uplift activities of the city. His departure will mean a great loss to Merkel.

Rev. T. C. Willett, Methodist pastor here before Brother Yeats, was assigned to Hereford.

Dr. W. M. Murrell, presiding elder of the Abilene district for the past four years, was returned. One Abilene pastor, Rev. Elmer Crabtree, was also returned. Two new Methodist pastors in Abilene are: Rev. O. P. Clark, formerly presiding elder of the Sweetwater district, who comes to St. Paul's church, and Rev. W. C. Childress, transferred from the Louisiana conference, new pastor of First church.

Some Exceptions Noted To Order of President

Washington, D. C., Nov. 16.—National Recovery Administrator Hugh S. Johnson has issued the following interpretation designed to exclude from the exemptions allowed in the President's Executive Order of October 23 employers located in towns less than 2,500 population but whose operations extend over a relatively wide area and include a number of communities:

"The Executive Order of October 23, 1933, exempting from the provisions of the President's Reemployment Agreement and from approved codes certain employers located in towns under 2,500 population applies only to employers engaged in trades or services of which the operations are customarily confined to local areas. It does not apply to those trades or services in which operations ordinarily extend over a relatively wide area and include a number of communities. The Executive Order therefore does not exempt from the provisions of the President's Reemployment Agreement and from the provisions of a code those employers engaged in selling at retail such products as lumber, building material, building specialties, builders' supplies and coal."

Fort Worth Man is Elected President Of Guaranty Board

Austin, Nov. 16.—Dian T. Lydick, president of the Union Bank & Trust Co. of Fort Worth, was elected president of the Texas Bank Deposit Insurance Co. and John Q. McAdams, president of the Winters State bank, was elected vice president at a meeting of the board of directors of the corporation, created at the recent special session of the legislature.

Beside Lydick and McAdams, other members of the directorate present at the meeting were: E. C. Brand, commissioner of banking, Austin; T. H. Heard, president of Heidenheimer State bank; M. C. Driscoll of Houston; C. S. E. Holland of Houston, and Charles A. Fisk, president of the Amarillo Bank & Trust Co.

Under the terms of the act, the corporation shall insure deposits in such state banks as the commissioner of banking may certify as solvent on Jan. 1, 1934. The capital and surplus of the corporation is \$25,000,000.

"The granting of a charter for a bank as a vehicle for business means more than just an operating corporation," the board said. "In addition to the charter as granted, the legislature has seen fit to make the charter worth while to the public in that the charter invites deposits in a bank, and under the new law assures the depositor that he will get his money when he may wish to use it."

Jim Swann Doing Nicely. Friends will be glad to learn that Jim Swann is now able to be up and around the house, with good prospects of his being able to be about town soon. He had a hemorrhage on Friday of last week and was in a weakened condition for several days.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

W. J. Ellis, 81, believed to have been the last of Texas' long distance stage drivers, died in San Angelo Monday after a month's illness.

A bank safe, emptied of all indentifying papers and bearing only the sign "Farmers State Bank," was uncovered by a road grading crew ten mile north of Sudan.

Announcement of the appointment of Fred B. Cabbee of Waco to be receiver of the Clyde National bank was made Tuesday from the office of Senator Connally at Washington.

San Antonio was chosen by the Baptist General Convention of Texas at its Fort Worth gathering as the 1934 meeting place. The dates were tentatively set for November 6 to 9.

Fort Worth's \$3,000,000 school bond issue, to be used as the basis for a \$4,283,000 loan and grant from the Public Works administration, carried Tuesday by more than 2 to 1.

New state headquarters building of the Texas Federation of Women's clubs at Austin was formally dedicated Monday night as the chief pre-convention activity of the 36th annual session.

In a local option election Friday Haskell voted against the sale of 3.2 beer by a majority of 176 to 91. Lone Oak precinct in the south part of the county a few weeks ago had voted in favor of beer.

Federal Relief Administrator Hopkins Tuesday authorized the purchase of between 25,000 and 30,000 low grade Texas beef cattle for processing and distribution to the needy unemployed in the state.

Miles F. Yount, 58, nationally known oil man who, it is reliably reported, refused a offer of \$200,000 for his holdings in Texas and Louisiana fields, died suddenly at his home in Besant Monday night.

Toppling from his row boat in a borrow pit two and one half miles west of the Commerce street viaduct at Dallas, while trying to land a large fish he had hooked, Charles A. Long, 18, of the Irving community sank to his death in twenty feet of water.

Dr. A. M. Clifford, Temple veterinarian who disappeared Wednesday night of last week when he left his home on a call, was found beaten to death late Monday on a farm two and one-half miles east of Temple. A charge of murder against W. I. Querner, railway worker, was filed.

NEWEST DEAL PROVIDES FOR 200,000 JOBS IN STATE ON CIVIL WORKS

FORMER RESIDENT CELEBRATES 87TH BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

Mrs. W. D. Smith of Stanton, a former resident of Merkel and mother of Marvin Smith, celebrated her 87th birthday at her home last Sunday and had the pleasure of having all five living children present with her for a family dinner enjoyed by twenty-four members of the family group.

A daughter, Mrs. E. E. Eiland, assisted by the honoree's daughters-in-law and grandchildren, had pieced a quilt on the friendship order with 45 squares. In these squares were pieced fifty names, including all the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and in the in-laws. There are 12 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Marvin Smith went to Stanton to be present for his mother's birthday celebration.

Has to Have Right Foot Amputated

Uncle Charlie Stewart, who during the summer months and up until recently was employed at the American cafe, sustained injuries at Mingo on Friday of last week which made it necessary for his right leg to be amputated below the knee. In shifting position on a freight train, he slipped and his foot was smashed in a coupling. He was en route to Weatherford.

Mack Fowler went down Tuesday to Strawn, where he is being cared for in a hospital, to visit him and Mrs. Fowler spent Wednesday there.

Two Groups Leave For Deer Country

Two Merkel parties left for Southwest Texas this week to be on the ground for the opening of the deer season Thursday.

Going to Leakey, 50 miles west of Kerrville, with Commissioner A. J. Canon were: P. A. Diltz, Paul Douglas, I. L. Vansell, Houston Robertson, Cotton Owens and Joe Higgins and a nephew of Mr. Canon's from Abilene.

Another party leaving Wednesday for Kerr county included: J. T. King, Homer Patterson, George Stout, V. Garner, Tom Harwell and Hob Robertson.

Mrs. Foy Resting Well.

Mrs. Sidney Foy, who was carried to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium Wednesday for examination and medical attention, was reported resting well Thursday morning. Her brother, Weston West, furnished blood for a transfusion Wednesday night.

BRUCE BARTON

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STANDING ALONE.

For just a moment, in the next spring, there seemed to be a renewed popular interest. The crowds flocked around Jesus in the old familiar way; the disciples noted it joyously. "The multitudes come together to him again," they exclaimed and at once their hopes were busy with new visions of his success. But dismay followed fast. Against their ardent protest he carried them off into close retirement. They were restless, lonely, distressed at the high handed fashion in which he turned away supporters.

Was it necessary to be so harsh with the Pharisees? Why should he have ridiculed them out of his company? Why tell people that their precious ritual was less acceptable to God than the cry for mercy of an untaught publican? Why slight their ready hospitality in favor of an outcast like Zacchaeus. Jesus' little group of friends were still groping for a clear vision of message and purposes when for the last time he led them down to Jerusalem and the final feast.

The one week of his life which everybody knows is the last week. Hence we pass over it in these articles. It began with the triumphant shouts of "hosanna;" it ended with the bloodthirsty cries of "crucify."

Between the first morning of triumph and the last hours of mortal agony it witnessed his finest verbal victories over his opponents. Never were his nerves more steady, his courage higher, his mind more keen. Deliberately he piled up the mountain of hatred, knowing that it would kill him, but determined that there should be no doubt through the ages as to what he had stood for, and why he had to die.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allday are visiting with his sister in Silverton.

Mrs. Ethel Ford of Waco was a guest this week of Mrs. George Caple. J. W. McNeese, who is drilling wells near Jacksboro, spent the week-end at home.

Miss Mary Collins was in Iamesa last week-end for High School homecoming.

Mrs. E. Q. Warren of Knox City spent Sunday here with her mother, Mrs. H. C. Williams.

Mrs. D. J. Dodd of Mulberry Canyon is spending the week with Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott.

After a visit of several days here, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider returned Wednesday to Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Carr were recent visitors to Fort Worth to witness the Rice-Gard fight.

T. B. Strickland of Winniewood, Okla., arrived Wednesday to visit his daughter, Mrs. D. I. Shelton.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Dressler of Sweetwater were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt of Ballinger were visitors Monday with Mrs. Holt's father, J. S. Thomas, and family.

Alvise Yeats was over from Dunn in Fisher county, where he is teaching school, to spend the week-end with the folks.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hamilton and little daughter, Janice Lee, of Lorraine, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Moore of Conroe. Mrs. Moore is a niece of Mr. Butler's.

Among those from Merkel who enjoyed the races at Arlington Downs last week was Miss Lou Largent, who went with Abilene friends.

R. D. Ely, a student of Texas Technological college, has returned to Lubbock after spending the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ely.

Miss Elizabeth Briggs, accompanied by her school friend, Miss Mildred Minnocks, of Clyde, both of whom are attending Draughon's Business college, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Duncan Briggs.

Mary Joe Russell and Doris Gay West, Merkel girls, spent the week-end here as guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson and attended the Armistice Day festivities—Abilene Morning News.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Richardson, accompanied by Miss Eleanor Mae Hamilton, were week-end visitors with Miss Mildred Richardson and Miss Ethel Hamilton at John Tarleton college, Stephenville.

Mrs. J. H. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wozencraft and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wood returned Monday night from a visit with Mrs. McDonald's other daughters, Mrs. H. B. Lee-ton and Mrs. W. B. Graham, at Overton.

After attending the Baptist State convention at Fort Worth, Miss Iris Garrett also visited in Waco. Returning Sunday, she was accompanied by her brother, Doyle Garrett, who is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

After a visit of four weeks with her father, W. J. Shannon, and other relatives, Mrs. B. H. Moore left Saturday for her home in Sentinel, Okla. He father accompanied her home for a visit and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sher-well and children also accompanied her. The latter will visit in Lawton, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnett returned Saturday from a week's visit in Dallas and Fort Worth. In Dallas they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Norman. In Fort Worth they attended the Baptist General convention and were guests of Mrs. Barnett's brother, Mr. George Bone, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul English. Mrs. English is a niece of Mrs. Barnett's.

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Badgers Win

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to play in made the young Badgers a bit excited but they kept Hamlin from making a first down.

Gamble and Boaz were outstanding backs for Merkel, doing most of the offensive work. Moore and McAninch were standouts in the line.

Watts and McCoy were the best for Hamlin. Mullins, captain and center, scored Hamlin's lone score from a pass.

The starting line-ups were:

Table with columns: Player Name, Position, Opponent Name. Includes Merkel (Pangle, McAninch, Shelton, Moore, Tipton, Carson, Higgins, Gamble, Durham, Smith, Boaz) and Hamlin (Wellingham, Barnes, Boyd, Mullins, McCoy, Ellison, Holt, Owens, Watts, Dillingham, Turner).

Substitutions for Merkel: Adcock for Durham; Richards for Smith; Evans for Tipton; L. K. Cason for Pangle; Patton for Evans; West for Moore; Smith for Richards; Sublett for Patton; Robertson for Shelton; Joyner for Carson; Cook for Higgins; Blair for Robertson; Grimes for Shelton; Polley for Patton; Vick for McAninch; Richards for Boaz; Durham for Gamble.

Summary of game: yards gained from scrimmage, Merkel 271, Hamlin 55; yards lost, Merkel 5, Hamlin 6.

First downs, Merkel 16; Hamlin 2. Penalties, Merkel 3 for 35; Hamlin 6 for 50.

Passes: Merkel tried 4, one complete, 3 incomplete; Hamlin tried 5, two complete, 3 intercepted.

Yards in passes: Merkel, one for 18 yards; Hamlin, 2 for 14 yards.

Score by periods: Merkel 6 0 13 0—19; Hamlin 0 6 0 0—6.

Scoring touchdowns for Merkel, Boaz 2, Gamble 1; for Hamlin, Mullins 1.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

In memory of Sister Mollie Ensminger, who died November 8, 1933.

Death has again entered our chapter hall and called to the Eternal Home a dearly beloved sister, who has completed her faithful labor here in ministering to the cry of the orphan, to the call of want and to the piteous wail of sorrow, and as recompense has received the welcome plaudit, "well done," from the Great Master.

And, whereas the Loving Father has called our beloved and respected sister home and she having been a true and faithful member of our Mystic Order, therefore be it resolved, that Merkel chapter No. 212, Order of the Eastern Star of Merkel, Texas, in testimony of its loss, drape its charter in mourning for thirty days, that we tender to the family of our deceased sister our condolence in their deep affliction and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and one to the Merkel Mail and one spread on the minutes.

Bessie Cummins
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National Piano-Playing Tournament Planned

Abilene, Nov. 16. Plans for the first annual national piano-playing tournament sponsored by the National Music Guild of New York and open to all grade school, high school and college students throughout the nation, have been announced by Irl Allison of Abilene, tournament director.

Allison, dean of music in Simmons university at Abilene, originator of the tournament plan of national competition in piano, will act as general director. Edwin L. Gunther, New York, is guild secretary.

The tournament will be held in 75 cities in 48 states and the District of Columbia during National Music Week in May, 1934.

It will introduce a new type of competition for piano students, who will not compete against one another but against a standard. They will be "playing against par." Perfect playing and extensive repertoire will be the objectives.

Judges, selected in each division, will receive instructions from a corps of supreme judges headed by Edwin Hughes, New York, and John Thompson, Kansas City. A uniform system of judging will be used in each of the 75 units. The method will make a second elimination unnecessary. Awards will consist of certificates, red for unit honors, blue for state honors, and gold seals for national honors.

National competition is an outgrowth of the All-Southwestern tournament founded by Allison, now in its sixth season. Starting in Abilene in 1929 with one unit, last year it had grown to eleven units of 212 students in four states.

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It is the final supper on that cool, quiet Thursday night. He knew that he should never meet with the disciples around the table again. All the memories of the three great years must have crowded into his mind as the meal progressed.

And this was the end. His relatives had turned their backs on him; his home town had scorned his advances, his best friend had died doubting; the people had turned away, and his enemies were about to triumph—is there any other leader who would have stood forth unbroken by such blows?

Next Week: The Last Temptation.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the sickness and death of our precious wife and mother.

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

1. What date is engraved on the front of the Grammar School building?
2. What state is known as the "Gopher" state?
3. What student in High school won first place in low hurdles at county meet last year?
4. What former student of M. H. S. is leading a college English class this year?
5. What member of the High School faculty is a fully ordained Baptist minister?
6. What student in M. H. S. has served in the state militia?
7. Who painted Whistler's "Mother"?

DRAMATIC CLUB

The Dramatic club met in Mrs. Haynes' studio Friday, November 10. The hosts and hostesses were: Harold Reese, Raymond Wilson, Vernon Poor, Eloise Mansell, Ima Ruth Brown, Jimmie Dell Perry, Della Smith and Thelma Mathews.

The program was very interesting, the theme being on Armistice Day. The program was as follows:

1. "In Flanders Fields," "The Answer to Flanders Fields," "Mrs. Malone and the Censor," Annie Lee Owens.
2. Music, Gertrude and Clovis Stanley.
3. Reading from the play, "The Old Lady Shows Her Medal," Clara Lee Peterson.
4. Discussion of "The True Meaning of Speech Education," Walderine Huskey.

There were several games and contests.

After an introduction to the play, "Just Women," by Bessylea Church, the club went to the Grammar School auditorium to see the play. The cast included Mary Helen Lancaster, Julia Proctor, Margaret Miller, Pauline Lasater, Vivian Davis, Helen Joyner and Harriet Rogers.

After returning to the studio, delicious plates of cheese sandwiches, baked apples and chewing gum were served.

A short business meeting was held. There were several visitors.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Talk about moments of ecstasy and despair! If you want to know how it feels to be suddenly almost married, ask Jimmy Dell Perry. The other day she got a letter, and when she opened it it wasn't a letter at all. It was a marriage license! On examining the envelope, she found that it was addressed to Mr. Jimmy Perry, who, by the way, is a negro man of Merkel. We extend our best wishes for a happy marriage to Mr. Perry and our heartfelt sympathies to Miss Perry. Better luck next time, Jimmy!

DID YOU KNOW—

Billie Bernice, Mary Helen, Wanda, Billy Gardner and Caribel were "turned loose" last Nov. 11, and did you see what they brought back?
Bessie and Shannon never know anything; that is, the right thing at the right time?
Jack Patterson doesn't like two certain girls' company on Saturday night?
Some of the Pep Squad members just must have their way?
No one can keep up with L. V.—not even his best pals?
The Dramatic club proved to be everything but a success to a few girls?
Joe and Caribel are in the same boat—so to speak.

THE SENIORS.

Rogene Dye.
Rogene is another one of those blondes that you read about in papers. She has always showed up well in her studies as well as in many other things. She is in the Dramatic club this year serving as secretary. She has always "oodles" of friends, and we hope she strives to keep them. Just remember a little blonde girl who was one of the assistant leaders of the Pep Squad. You'll always find her on the side lines backing those Badgers.
David Gamble.
David is one more good football player. He played on the line for the first three years. For two years he has lettered and we hope he has another stripe to add to his sweater this year. He not only stands out in football, but he lettered in track one year. He also came out for basketball. David our president also. He was such a d president for our Junior class

that we had to have him for our president this year. We all know he is popular, for he was the most popular boy last year. Here's luck to you, David. We'll be watching you.

ENGLISH CLASS.

The second section of the ninth grade met Wednesday of last week and elected officers. Those elected are as follows: Oscar Adcock, president; Eva Fae Bush, vice president; Opal Buzbee, secretary, and Janet Hayes, reporter. A committee was appointed to prepare a program and our first meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov. 22.

PEP NEWS.

Merkel, Texas, Nov. 17, 1933.
Dear Football Boys of M. H. S.:

I hope you are still aware of the fact that Merkel High school has a grand Pep Squad and that we are going to do everything in our power to make the Football Banquet this year the most successful banquet we have ever had. We have already chosen the theme and definite plans are underway for the program. Please don't miss this one big event of the season.

Sincerely,
The Pep Squad.

ANSWERS.

1. 1915.
2. Minnesota.
3. Maurice Pressly.
4. Mildred Richardson.
5. T. D. Riddle.
6. Charles Tipton.
7. Your guess is as good as ours, but we think Whistler painted it.

WARNING TO FOOTBALL BOYS.

Don't wash your feet more than once a month. It might give you angibungitferathansipodis.

HUMOROUS.

The old-fashioned girl who used to be on the "square" has been superseded by girls who are on the "bias"—you know—"Buy us this"—"Buy us that."

Mary Helen L. (cooly): "You bad boy. Don't you kiss me again."
Bessie: "I won't. I'm trying to find out who has the beer in this party."

Caribel: "L. V. is so original. He says things to me that nobody else would dream of saying."
Billie B. G.: "What has he been up to now; asking you to marry him?"

Billy Gardner: "I don't see how football players ever get clean."
Mary Helen L.: "Silly, what do you suppose the scrub teams are for?"

I'LL GLADLY PAY YOU TUESDAY.

I am very, very hungry.
In fact, I have a depression in the midriff.

I am famished.
To tell the truth, I am in dire need of resuscitation.

Or some sort of sustication.
I am fresh from the Hamlin game (I am not fresh from the incubator!) I just had twelve boxes of pop corn, and fourteen cakes, and five cones, and three boy friends.

But in spite of it all, I'm positively famished, starved, undernourished.

Do you get the idea of all this? Well, in case you don't—My credit is bad.

And I'm dropping a gentle hint to you
That I'll gladly pay you Tuesday.
Now, all join in on the chorus—
You must e'mup sometime for a chicken dinner.
(You bring the chicken.)

Editor's moral (for the dumb ones who cannot see the point in this): It's a dark day in Africa when an editor can't think up something to fill space.

YE EDITOR'S LAMENT.

Getting out a paper is no picnic.
If we print jokes, folks say we are silly.

If we don't, they say we're too serious.

If we publish original matter, they say we lack variety.

If we publish things from other papers, we're too lazy to write.

If we are out rustling news, we're not tending to business in our own department.

If we don't print contributions, we don't show any appreciation.

If we do print them, the paper is filled with junk.
Like as not some fellow will say

Whispering Rock

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derstand. There was surface water here late last June, worlds of water. Why, there must be two or three thousand acres which drain into that well!"

"It's going dry," said Ruth.
"New wells sometimes give out quick," replied Old Charley slowly, "but it sure seems funny. You see, Will, here helped your brother locate that well. You ought to be able to take care of a good half of your herd—let part of 'em water at the corral."

"At—the—corral?" But I don't understand—so you mean, what do you mean?"

Old Charley looked at his son and then at Ruth. "Why, just what I said; use the well at the corral, the one with the windmill—the old well."

"But that's what we have been using," cried Ruth; "that's the one that's going dry!"

"What!" ejaculated Will. "Aren't you using the upper well at all?"

"Upper well—what upper well?" asked Ruth in a dazed voice.

"Well, I'll be—" Old Charley looked at his son.

"He never went on with it," said Will, softly.

Old Charley nodded and turned to Ruth. "The prospect Harry and Will found last summer was in the upper end of the north pasture—I guess Harry didn't get around to developing it before—he left. But didn't anybody tell you about it?"

"No—" Ruth's heart was beating wildly. "I never heard about any other water."

"Harry bought the pipe," said Will. "Remember, Dad, we passed a load of it on the way to town last fall."

"There's a big pile of pipe behind the barn," said Ruth. "Tell me quick! Is there water we can use in the north pasture?"

"It'll have to be developed," said Old Charley slowly.

"Shoul'n't take more than a day or two," responded Will. He thought a moment, then pulled an envelope from his pocket and wrote on it with a pencil. "Here, Dad, you run on into a town and send this telegram—I'll be staying over a few days." He turned to Ruth. "Suppose I ride back with you and show you that place. Seems to me you ought to develop plenty of water with a day's work or so."

Snively slowly arose as the riders came straight up to him. Ruth spoke: "Mr. Thane has told me of a place, in the north pasture where there is indication of water—he and my brother found it last summer." She paused.

"Why, didn't you tell me about it?"

"I had reasons," said Snively, his eyes on Will. "I didn't want to go gettin' your hopes up—there ain't no use diggin' in that gully bottom just because of a little rain-seeppage."

"But, Mr. Snively," said Ruth, "now that we have need of the water don't you think it would be wise to try to get it?"

"If you can—you won't find nothin' though. Maybe a little rock basin full of rain water under the sand."

"There had ben no rains for several months when we located the prospect last summer," said Will; "the sand was wet and we dug far enough to see that water was running into it from the big dike. That dike is a natural underground dam—"

"All right all right—go ahead and dig all you've a mind to if you've got such an all-free interest in the Dead Lantern, Mr. Thane."

Will made no reply and Ruth thanked him with her eyes. To Snively she said, as she started her horse, "Please have the two men follow us with picks and shovels."

It was not long before Will guided her into a small arroyo, one of the hundreds which led down from the mountains.

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we swiped this from another.
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TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Murry Rogers and son, Jimmy Hugh, of Colorado, were recent guests of Mrs. M. L. Jones and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nemire spent several weeks in Roscoe during the illness and death of the former's mother.

Recent guests in the home of Mrs. R. B. McRee were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gormley of Wink.

Mrs. W. J. Wise and daughter of Big Spring are guests of Mrs. Mary Archer and Marvin Murdock this week. Her husband, Rev. W. J. Wise, is holding a Christian meeting in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McRee, accompanied by Estelle Terry and Lillian McRee, spent the week-end in Norman, Okla., as guests of the latter's parents.

Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., Louie McRee and Mrs. Hale McRee and two children, Virginia Cloe and H. L., were Lubbock visitors over the week-end. Mrs. Hale McRee also visited in Lamesa.

Frank Smith of Lubbock spent last week in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith.

Mrs. Abbott spent last week in Blackwell.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Kent and son of Sweetwater spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan.

Mrs. Caze of Sweetwater was a passing visitor in Trent Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Volley Vessel of Eastland, who formerly resided here, are announcing the arrival of a baby girl, born November 13.

Rev. W. B. Reeves will succeed Rev. A. C. Coppage as pastor of the Methodist church here. Rev. Mr. Coppage will go to Southlands.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dingle and family and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boone and son of Herculago were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Hamner, Hurlert O'Kelley and son and W. E. and Bud Burks were Abilene visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith and daughter Miss Maurine, spent Sunday in Stanton as guests of Mr. Smith's mother, since it was her birthday. She was presented a friendship quilt. Twenty-two guests were present.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Foster had as guests in their home Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Mac Foster and baby of Amarillo. Mr. and Mrs. Noble Foster and

family of Roby and Mr. and Mrs. Burney Foster and family.

Mrs. Celby Duncan, who had her tonsils removed last week, is reported as doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reid of Sweetwater were in town on business the first of the week.

Mrs. J. E. Bowers returned home Tuesday from Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Danly and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hughes left Tuesday for Rio county to hunt turkeys and deer.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Home Demonstration club met in regular session Tuesday, November 8, for the purpose of electing officers for the new year. They are as follows: president, Mrs. A. C. Wash, re-elected; vice president, Mrs. Ed Burks; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. T. G. Hamner, re-elected; council member, Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr.

The following committees were appointed: finance, Mrs. John Gafford, Mrs. A. W. Wood and Mrs. John Strawn; exhibit, Mrs. R. L. Reeves, Mrs. Tom Williamson and Mrs. Earnest Massey; program, Mrs. C. C. McRee, Mrs. Stanley Armour and Mrs. Bud McRee; social committee, Mrs. Burt Burks, Mrs. John Payne, Mrs. Poor, Mrs. H. H. McRee, Mrs. R. L. Reeves and Mrs. Dolly Wash; reporter, Mrs. T. G. Hamner; assistant, Mrs. C. C. McRee; historian, Mrs. C. C. McRee.

Those present were: Mesdames R. L. Reeves, A. C. Wash, Ed Burks, A. W. Wood, McDonald, T. L. Stevens, John Strawn, John Gafford and Mannie Gafford.

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WHO WANTS A BEAUTIFUL PIANO AT A BARGAIN? We have this vicinity a splendid upright piano with a duet bench to match. Also lovely Baby Grand in two tone mahogany. Rather than reship will sell these at a bargain. Terms desired. Might take live stock as part payment. Address at once, Brook Mays & Co., The Reliable Piano House, Dallas, Texas.

FOR SALE—J. P. Frederickson home, three lots, \$1,000; \$25.00 down payment, \$10.00 per month, at 4 per cent interest. Address Mrs. Mary Frederickson, 1235 East Filmore St., Phoenix, Ariz.

FOR SALE—3.363 acre ranch, near Snyder, at \$7.50 per acre; permanent water; this is an exceptional bargain; act quick, if interested. E. D. Jefferson, Box 504, Stamford, Texas.

SLIGHTLY USED SINGER portable sewing machine, worth the money; also good milk cow with young calf. Mrs. R. L. Adeock

SEWING MACHINE for sale or trade for food or a hog. Mrs. Manscill.

FOR SALE—4 burner Perfector oil stove, practically new; also Hoosier white cabinet. See Mrs. Jim Mayfield.

FOR SALE—1927 Model-T coupe; good condition. Can be seen Saturday, November 18, at Woodrum's Filling station.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two story brick building on Kent street. Mrs. A. H. Thornton, 801 First St., Terrell, Texas.

WANTED

WANTED TO BUY—Old houses to wreck. W. R. Campbell, Merkel, Tex.

LEGAL NOTICE.

SHERIFF'S SALE. The State of Texas, County of Taylor:

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dallas County, of the 25th day of October, 1933, by Geo. W. Harwood, Clerk of said District Court for the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Four & 13/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of The Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank of Dallas, a corp. in a certain cause in said court. No. 3902-A and styled The Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank of Dallas, a corp. vs Gerdie L. Davis, et al. placed in my hands for service, I Burl Wheeler as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 31st day of October, 1933, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Situated in Taylor County, Texas, and being all that certain tract of land containing 100 acres, more or less, situated near the town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, and being 100 acres off the West side of lot No. 5 in the J. A. Evans subdivision of the D. B. Corley survey No. 3, and being described as follows: Beginning at the SW corner of said lot 5, which is 551 vrs. north 75 east and 1244 vrs. north 15 west from the SW corner of the said D. B. Corley survey No. 3; Thence east with the SB line of said lot 5, 449.44 vrs. to the SE corner of this tract; Thence north, parallel with the WB line of said lot 5, 1256 vrs. to the NE line of the same for NE corner hereof; Thence in a westerly direction with the said NB line 449.44 vrs. to the NW corner of said lot 5; Thence in a southerly direction with the WB line of said lot 1256 vrs. to the place

of beginning; and being the same land conveyed to Taylor F. Davis by J. R. Gray and L. B. Mast by deed dated August 19, 1924, and recorded in Vol. 143, page 588, Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of Gerdie L. Davis, et al and that on the first Tuesday in December, 1933, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Gerdie L. Davis et al.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice for publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 31st day of October, 1933.

Burl Wheeler,
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas
By E. D. Davis, Deputy.

NOODLE NEWS

Owing to sickness in the family, the writer has been unable to send in news for some time, but will try to write a few items this week.

Our school is progressing nicely. We have a large attendance, with new pupils coming in daily.

The High school pupils enjoyed a weiner roast on the river Saturday night. They were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Bell.

The singing class was reorganized Friday night at this place. Alton Bicknell was elected president and Missie Spurgeon, secretary and treasurer. There was a large crowd present. We have new books and invite everyone to come every Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee and Joe B. Sosebee and family spent Monday in Anson.

Wayne and Hiram Satterwhite spent the week-end here with their parents. They are attending school in Anson.

Elder Cox of Abilene filled his regular appointment at the Church of Christ at this place Sunday, but owing to the inclement weather only a few attended.

J. O. Sosebee of Anson spent Monday night in the home of his brother here.

Misses Leona Sosebee and Gladys King, who are attending A. C. C., spent the week-end with O. W. Sosebee's family here.

White Church News

Most everyone is through picking cotton: the hum of the binder is now a familiar sound here, with everyone working the late feed, which is fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and children of Blair have moved into our midst for this year, also Mr. and Mrs. Lackford Patterson of Blair are living here at the present.

Mrs. M. H. Farmer is visiting relatives at Knox City.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes and sons and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Latimer and children of Blair visited in the home of Rev. and Mrs. John E. Walker of Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Paul Collins preached at this place Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks are sporting a pretty new Ford.

Quite a few from here attended the funeral of Mrs. J. H. Ensminger at Merkel last week.

Quite a crowd gathered at the home of Mrs. B. D. Pressley for a singing Sunday night.

Mrs. E. H. Patterson of Route 3 is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes.

Our school is progressing nicely under the leadership of Misses Baucum and Dunlap.

Everyone is asked to remember that next Sunday is preaching day.

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RURAL SOCIETY

BUSY BEE CLUB.

On last Thursday afternoon the Busy Bee club met at the home of Mrs. Nim Teaff.

Mrs. H. B. Robertson, the new president, called the house to order. The club decided to send a delegate to Short Course and ways of raising money for that purpose were discussed.

Plans were completed for the Thanksgiving dinner to be held in the home of Mrs. W. E. Petty on the next regular meeting day, Thursday, November 23. This meeting is also to be Achievement day. Miss Chambers is to meet with the club at this time.

The hostess, assisted by Miss Celia Hester, served iced cakes and hot chocolate to the following members: Mesdames Luther Land, Jess Higgins, H. B. Robertson, Hobart McClain, Guy McClain, Angus Garvin, W. C. Lee and J. S. Pinckley. Misses Celia Hester and Ruth Pinckley.

UNION RIDGE CLUB NEWS.

Sixteen members of the Union Ridge Demonstration club enjoyed a business and social meeting at the school house last Friday afternoon with Mesdames Oliver Carey and Marvin Douglas acting as hostesses.

The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. W. A. Harris; vice-president, Mrs. Melvin Carey; secretary and treasurer, Miss Mable McRee; council member, Mrs. Fred Guitar, and reporter, Blanche Carey.

Devil food cake and hot chocolate was served to Mesdames S. C. Vick, S. G. Russell, W. J. Derstine, J. L. McRee, Pierce Horton, Melvin Carey.

Fred Guitar, Oliver Carey, W. A. Harris, L. S. Tipton, M. L. Douglas, W. C. Lee, O. E. Harwell, S. O. Patton and Misses Mable McRee and Blanche Carey.

The next meeting will be Friday afternoon, Nov. 17, at three o'clock.

MERRY WORKERS' CLUB.

Merry Workers club of Tye, meeting recently in the home of Mrs. John Thomas, made plans for an annual Thanksgiving dinner, to be held in the home of Mr. Ben Reese.

Fruit jello and cake were served, during an informal social hour, to Mesdames Will Moore, Roy Millard, Joe Erbert Thomas, Jeff Hinds, Wesley Jewers, Tom Moore, Wert Cross, Rister and Miss Laura Banett.

STITH CLUB.

The Stith Home Demonstration club meets with Mrs. Fletcher Jones Friday afternoon at two o'clock. We elect officers for another year at this meeting. Every member is urged to be present and bring a complete report of her canning. Visitors are always welcome.

—Reporter.

PARSLEY-ROBINSON.

Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Baptist parsonage, Miss Bill Robinson and Mrs. J. L. Parsley, popular young folks of this community, were united in marriage, with Rev. Ted McGehee officiating. Best wishes are being extended the happy couple by a host of friends.

NOTICE TO FARMERS

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 25th day of October, 1933, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 17th day of November, 1933.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	80,388.01
Loans secured by real estate	10,194.78
Overdrafts	1,367.84
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	3,000.00
Banking House	15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Real Estate owned, other than banking house	3,485.00
Cash in bank	11,618.00
Due from approved reserve agents	31,678.54
Other Resources	11,289.33
Live Stock	905.82
Bills of Exchange (Cotton)	36,905.98
Grand Total	\$213,333.30

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	8.34
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	156,439.07
Time Certificates of Deposit	2,572.85
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	3,313.04
Grand Total	\$213,333.30

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:

We, C. M. Largent, as President and Herbert Patterson, as assistant cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

C. M. LARGENT, President.

HERBERT PATTERSON, Asst. Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of November, A. D. 1933.

LOU LARGENT

Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

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Spuds No. 1 Idaho 10 pounds 18c

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Jello all flavors pkg. 5c

GRAPE NUTS, package 18c

COFFEE, Maxwell House, pound 29c

Coffee Sun Up pound 19c

PUMPKIN, No. 2 can, each 12c

Soap R & W Giant, 6 bars 25c

OATS, B & W, Super-Flake, pkg. 14c

PEANUT BUTTER, quart 29c

Sugar cloth bag, 10 pounds 45c

CATSUP, R & W, bottle 15c

CLEANSER, R & W, 2 for 15c

PICKLES, sour or dill, quart 19c

APRICOTS, No. 2 1-2 can, R & W PEACHES, No. 2 1-2 can, R & W PEARS, No. 2 1-2 can, R & W 19c

PEAS, R & W No. 2 can, each 19c

Corn R & W, No. 2 can, 2 for 25c

TAMARINDS, B & W, per can 15c

Compound 4 lb. carton 29c

CRACKERS, Rainbow Wafers, 2 lbs. 23c

Bacon, sliced, pound 18c

SAUSAGE, half or whole, lb. 12 1-2c

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SHOWER FOR BRIDE-ELECT. (Abilene Reporter.)

Complimenting Miss Thelma Leach, who is to be married soon to George William Comegys, Mrs. C. C. Hambrick, Mrs. I. M. Edmonson, Margarine Storie and Lamoine Edmonson entertained in the Hambrick home, 250 Highland avenue, with a party and shower, Monday afternoon.

Following an hour of games, gifts were presented to the honoree.

A dainty refreshment plate was passed to Mesdames H. F. Groene, Homer Patterson, W. G. Leach, J. C. Comegys, Earl Calhoun, E. M. Beasley, C. S. Saylors, M. C. Alston, Mary Overton, Misses Edith Baker of Merkel, Maxine Edmonson, Patty Shipman, Ernestine Beasley and Thelma Leach.

VOTA VITA CLASS.

The hospitable home of Mrs. Perry Dickinson was opened to members of the Vota Vita Sunday School class on Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Byers Petty assisted Mrs. Dickinson in entertaining at their monthly social meeting. The program for the afternoon was on "Home," talking the "Welcoming Home on Thanksgiving" as its theme, which was beautifully carried out in all games as well as during the devotional hour.

The entertaining rooms were delightfully decorated with autumn flowers and, following the games, seasonal refreshments were served to Mesdames Smith, Fugat, Haynes, Wilson, Hathaway, Joyner, Petty and Dickinson.

T. E. L. CLASS PARTY.

Members of the T. E. L. class were delightfully entertained by Mrs. C. R. Joyner on Wednesday afternoon of last week. The house was artistically decorated with fall blossoms and autumn leaves, where all present derived renewed inspiration from the devotional, after which a social hour was climaxed with dainty refreshments served to Mesdames Lassiter, Booth, King, Renfro, Dye, Collins, Largent, Warren, Lancaster, Brown, Stevens and the hostess.

QUILTING BEE.

On Friday, November 10, a jolly group met with Mrs. J. W. McNeese for an old-fashioned quilting bee. Invitations read:

You are hereby invited And cordially invited To a nice quilting party, Your welcome is hearty. On Friday, November the tenth. So right after lunch Come join with the "bunch." Our needles we'll ply, Our tongues they will fly—

THEN. At five-thirty sharp As part of our lark We'll gather, you see, For a wee drop of tea.

The ninth line of the invitation was certainly carried out to the letter. At the appointed hour the guests repaired to the dining room where a plate of sandwiches, Russian tea and cake were served the following: Mesdames Tom Allday, John Dunn, Cecil Guthrie, Milton Case, Denzel Cox, C. V. Shelton, Kenneth Sharp and Miss Mabel McRee.

WILLING WORKERS.

The Willing Workers class of the Presbyterian church met in the home of Mrs. W. D. Butler Tuesday afternoon, in celebration of the class' fifth anniversary. The devotional was read by Mrs. Smith. Refreshments consisting of sandwiches and cookies were served to Mesdames W. M. Elliott, James Patterson, S. G. Russell, J. J. Russell, T. M. Smith, Will Curb, R. A. Walker, J. E. Tucker, L. L. Murray, J. L. Baker, A. A. Baker and Miss Mary Keny and visitors, Mesdames Fred Baker, Ted Lasater, Ansel Coates and Dodd.

WEINER ROAST.

Tuesday night the Senior Epworth league enjoyed a weiner roast. Around a huge fire games were played and weiners and marshmallows were roasted and served with hot coffee, pickles and rolls to:

Addie Fae Patterson, Florene Rider, Lona Bryan, Athelda Yeats, Pauline Pinckley, Mary Collins, Johnnie Middleton, Ouida Mae Hulsey, Ruby Jinkens, Lela Patterson, Marie Pinckley, Dahlia Watkins, Marcella Pinckley, W. A. Whiteley, Jr., Elmo Collins,

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The six Sunday Schools in Merkel reported 840 present last Sunday, as compared with the cold, rainy Sunday previous of only 479. On the same Sunday a year ago 611 were present.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Baptist State convention met at Fort Worth this year. Brother Joyner, W. J. Largent, Mrs. Dent Gibson and Miss Iris Garrett were sent from this church as delegates. Brother Joyner gave us a very interesting account of the work which the Baptists have been doing this past year.

A large number of our Methodist friends worshipped with us Sunday morning and evening in the absence of their pastor, Brother Yeats. We were very glad indeed to have them with us.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. B. T. S. at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

VICTORY B. T. S. PROGRAM.

Notice: we are using B. A. U. quarterlies.

Subject, "The humility of Jesus." Introduction, leader. "True and false humility," Mr. Snell.

"True humility is self-forgetfulness," Mr. Clack.

"True humility is self-sacrifice," Mrs. Hartley.

"True humility is self-realization," Mrs. Higgins.

"True humility is Godliness," Miss Maxie Banner.

Duet, Intermediate girls.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 o'clock.

In place of the evening service, the congregation will worship at the Methodist church, by way of welcome to the new pastor, Rev. P. H. Gates, recently from Littlefield.

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

Vernon Hudson, Earl Watts, Paul Collins, Weldon McAninch, Johnny Kelly, Selma Jones, Weldon Coats, Curtis McAninch and Ross Ferrier, Jr.

CLASS ENTERTAINED.

Miss Marcella Pinckley entertained her Sunday School class with a party at the home of Mrs. Fred Hughes Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A number of interesting games were played, then refreshments of animal crackers, candy and Andy Gump cookies were served. Favors were elephants made of oranges.

Those present were: Ada Bell Steele, Gwendolyn Vaughn, L. W. Barnes, Fred Lee Hughes, Ikey Turner and Harold Hughes.

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Last Wednesday evening after prayer meeting a reading club was organized. Florene Rider was elected president and Lela Patterson, vice president. The club will meet each Wednesday evening immediately following prayer meeting. We are very anxious that all young people who are interested will join the club.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Last Sunday was a good day—the Lord blessed at both services. Glad to have some visitors from other churches in town as they had no preaching, their pastors being out of town. We always welcome visitors. Come again.

Sunday School next Sunday 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. N. Y. P. S. program at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 7 p. m. Singing Tuesday 7:30 p. m. An invitation is extended to everyone to come.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Services for next week are as follows: Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's Day. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Young peoples program 6:30.

The usual Bible study Wednesday at 7 u. m. followed by a sermon by one of the A. C. C. young preachers. In connection with this service we will enjoy a real treat. The music on Wednesday evening will be furnished by the A. C. C. main male quartette. You will appreciate all this service and we are inviting you to come.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend all our services.

The Elders.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Brother Dew from Abilene preached for us last Sunday night on "The

Lordship of Jesus" and we appreciate this wonderful message. Miss Tripp was with us also and gave us some special music. Both of these gifted servants of God are welcome to take part in any of our services.

"Who are the two witnesses and what will be their work?" will be the subject for Saturday night. The Sunday morning sermon will be "Joys in Christian Service."

Sunday night Mrs. Lena Price will give us a reading on "Judgment," followed by a sermon on "The Judgment." A Bible question and a Bible answer is always convincing. "What must I do to be saved?" Answer, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

Box Supper This Friday Night at M. E. Church

The Epworth league is sponsoring a box supper Friday night of this week and all the young people are invited. The time is 7:30 at the Methodist church here.

An interesting program has been prepared, a program that all will enjoy.

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