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DEATH CLAIMS MRS. SARAH F. ANNIS, AGE 90

Widow of the Late Rev. J. T. L. Annis, Pioneer Methodist Minister, Passes Away at Her Home Here After Brief Illness.

Mrs. Sarah Foster Annis, who passed her ninetieth birthday on March 21 last and a resident of Merkel for over three decades, died at her home here at 7:30 Monday morning. Even at her advanced age, she had been in good health until Saturday when illness from which she failed to rally overtook her.

Funeral services for this beloved woman, whose life, dating from the earliest pioneer days, covered nearly a century of rapid development and colorful events, were held at 10:30 Tuesday morning from the Methodist church, with Rev. P. H. Gates, the pastor, officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery, beside the body of her husband, who died here 25 years ago.

Dr. W. M. Murrell, presiding elder of the Abilene district, Dr. W. C. Childress, pastor of First Church, Abilene, Rev. Elmer Crabtree, pastor of Oak Street church, Abilene, and Dr. W. B. Dodson, head of the Bible school at McMurry, were among prominent churchmen who attended the funeral.

Dr. Dodson brought the message on the subject, "The Hope and Assurance of Resurrection." There was also a quartette from St. Paul's Methodist church, Abilene, led by Mrs. Henry J. Bass.

Mrs. Annis was the widow of Rev. J. T. L. Annis, one of the earliest Methodist ministers emigrating to this section. He settled at Belle Plains, Callahan county, in 1822, and was founder and first president of the Belle Plains college in 1883 and pastor at that place in 1884. A year earlier, in 1883, he organized the Abilene district of the M. E. church, South, and was its first presiding elder, being succeeded by Rev. John A. Wallace. He preached the first sermon ever delivered in Merkel and started the collection for the first Methodist church in the history of the town. In the 1890's he was presiding elder of the Weatherford district. Retiring from active service in 1897, he settled in Merkel.

A native Missourian, born in 1844, Mrs. Annis had been a Texan since 1865. She was married to Mr. Annis in Waxahachie soon after she emigrated to this state with her parents as a young woman of 21. Surviving her are five children, 14 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Sons are Dr. A. A. Annis, Aspermont; F. C. Annis, Denver, Colorado; J. B. Annis, Del Rio; Rev. O. B. Annis, Methodist minister of Sparenburg. The only daughter is Mrs. E. C. Perry of Merkel.

Accepts Position as Cashier Lamesa Bank

B. L. Hamilton, formerly an assistant cashier of the Farmers State bank here and until recently cashier of the First State bank at Loraine, has accepted a position as cashier of the Lamesa National bank. He has also been made a director of that institution.

Mr. Hamilton and family have already moved to their new location.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, September 25, 1914.)

IMPROVEMENT OFFERED ELECTRIC LIGHT CUSTOMERS— AN ALL-NIGHT SERVICE.

Manager W. E. Britain of the Merkel Electric company announced last week that beginning with this week current for electric lights would be turned on each morning at 5 o'clock. This will better our light service to an extent but there is yet a chance of making the service much better.

In this week's issue of The Mail, on page 10, appears a full page advertisement of the Merkel Electric company explaining the prospective increase in electric light service for Merkel. In an interview with Mr. Britain as to the required amount to obtain an all-night service he explained

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Two men Monday held up the First State bank of Harleton, 18 miles northwest of Marshall, and escaped with a sum estimated at \$2,000.

The city council of Dallas Wednesday called an election for Oct. 30 on a \$3,000,000 Centennial bond issue, to provide for addition to Fair Park.

Lorenzo Garcia, 10-year-old Houston youth, drowned in the turning basin there Monday when he fell from the dock while viewing the cruiser Houston.

The Hilton hotel and its furniture and equipment at San Angelo was sold under foreclosure proceedings for \$175,000 to the Mississippi Valley Trust company.

An exploding lamp was generally believed to have started the fire which fatally burned Mr. and Mrs. W. T. German, aged couple near Stockyard and destroyed their home.

It took 12 innings to decide the opening game of the Dixie series Wednesday night at Galveston, New Orleans winning from the Texas league champions by the score of 3-2.

A Travis county jury Saturday acquitted Claude Pollard, former attorney general, of charges that he conspired in the distribution of counterfeit cigarette tax stamps throughout the state.

Baylor College for Women, Belton, became debt-free Tuesday as a result of the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Hardin of Burkburnett and henceforth will be known as Mary Hardin-Baylor college.

Construction work on the Red Bluff dam—a \$2,600,000 project in Reeves and Loving counties—was started Monday. The 11,500-acre lake will impound about 285,000 acre feet of water and will boast a dam 112 feet high.

The Honey Grove board of commissioners Friday appointed Hugh B. Moyer, editor of the Signal-Citizen, as mayor to fill the unexpired term of the late T. F. Williamson. Moyer will be the youngest mayor ever to serve that city.

Sillman Evans, former Texas newspaper man, who resigned his position as fourth assistant postmaster general to become president of the Maryland Casualty company, has been made a director in the Baltimore National bank.

Of the 127 representatives and 31 senators who will compose the 44th legislature, 43 representatives and 18 members of the senate are alumni of the University of Texas, records of the University Ex-Students' association show.

J. O. Blackshare, 43-year-old amnesia victim from Palestine, missing since July 3, was found at Phoenix, Ariz., Wednesday and went to the home of S. P. Morgan to await the arrival of his wife. The Morgans are friends of the Blackshare family.

Governor Miriam A. Ferguson Friday signed the senate bill making appropriation of \$505,500 for construction of additional buildings at state eleemosynary institutions, which will care for 785 insane patients now confined in jails in the various counties.

ed that owing to the large engine used at the plant it was necessary for a certain amount of lights to burn all night in order to give the engine enough load to pull. This requirement will not be large now that the street lights would burn all night and with the proper spirit of co-operation from the merchants in using lights to display windows and stores the service can be obtained.

Those who live in Merkel and are interested in this improvement are requested to read carefully the advertisement on page 10 in this issue of the paper. The Merkel Mail will increase its light consumption by using office lights throughout the night. We believe it is a proposition worthy of the town's support.

LAUNCHES WORK OF CARING FOR STATE'S NEEDY

Legislature Authorizes Sale of \$6,000,000 Additional Bonds; Will Offer \$1,000,000 in First Block for Immediate Use.

Austin, Sept. 27.—A new state relief agency, the board of control, swung into quick action Wednesday with the signing by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson of a bill to issue \$6,000,000 in bonds, the state's contribution to its needy citizens during the early winter months.

Before the ink hardly was dry, the board of control, successor to the disension-wracked Texas relief commission, initiated a series of conferences looking to an immediate start on the tremendous undertaking set on its doorstep by the legislature.

The board announced a policy of proceeding cautiously and indicated the existing setup would be continued until a thorough study of relief administration could be made.

The board asked the governor to apply at once to the federal government for a \$2,000,000 advance to meet October relief needs. The advance would be deducted from later allotments when state funds were available.

The Texas bond commission, sales agency for the bonds, called a meeting for Thursday to discuss the sale of the first block of \$1,000,000. Sale must be advertised for a week. Bond commission aides studied the new law to have all routine details arranged so the sale could be consummated with a minimum of delay.

Adult School Planned If Interest Sufficient

A mass meeting for the purpose of promoting and organizing an adult school in Merkel will be held at the High School building at 7:30 next Monday night. All those interested in self-improvement are urged to attend and learn the purposes of this school and local business men are especially requested to be present.

Practical courses will be offered and the school which will probably be held at night, is to be absolutely free as part of the emergency educational program inaugurated last year.

Those wishing further information may see Miss Margaret Turner, or Supt. Roger A. Burgess.

Total Ginnings Have Passed 5,500 Bales

With receipts totalling 925 bales for the week ending Wednesday night at the five gins in Merkel and those at Stith, Noodle and Blair, ginnings for the season at these eight plants have now reached 5,526 bales.

A year ago, ginnings for the same group were 4,509 bales to date, while in 1932 only 405 bales had been ginned to the end of September.

Diltz Named Inspector Of Drouth Feed Loans

Appointment of a Merkel man, Philip A. Diltz, former Taylor county commissioner, as inspector for emergency drouth feed loans in Taylor county was announced on Thursday of last week by Murrah Nolte, field supervisor for the emergency crop and feed loan agency.

Nolte, who has six counties in his district, maintains headquarters at Breckenridge. He will make weekly visits to Abilene, arriving each Wednesday afternoon and remaining through Thursday.

Counties in this district are Taylor, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Eastland and Callahan.

Three-Year-Old Trent Child Death Victim

Trent, Sept. 27.—Little Mary Frances Billington, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Billington, of Trent, died Monday afternoon at an Abilene hospital, following an emergency operation for appendicitis.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist church here at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. W. B. Reeves, pastor, with interment in Trent cemetery.

The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad loss.

INDICTED FOR EXTORTION IN KIDNAP CASE

Bruno Hauptmann, Alien Ex-Convict, Held as the Man Who Received the \$50,000 Ransom Money for Lindbergh Baby.

New York, Sept. 26.—Bruno Hauptmann was indicted Wednesday for extorting \$50,000 ransom from Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, soon after the famous flier testified before the Bronx County grand jury against the alien ex-convict linked by damaging evidence to the actual abduction and death of the child.

As Lindbergh gave his testimony the squads of carpenters and police searching the Hauptmann premises discovered new evidence.

In the garage, they found a loose two-by-four, set in the side supports. Holes had been drilled in the boards, five of them. In each was tacked a wad of bills—\$840 in all. Glistening in a little cubbyhole below the two-by-four, the police found a small caliber revolver, evidently of German make.

With this discovery, the investigators have located \$14,500 in ransom bills from the garage. No estimate has been made of how many of the bills were passed by Hauptmann since that April night in 1932 when Dr. John F. Condon—"Jafsie," the intermediary—paid the \$50,000 ransom in St. Raymond's cemetery.

Investigators placed high significance on the finding of the revolver. They recalled that "John"—as the ransom recipient was known by in the long search—had indicated to "Jafsie" in the cemetery that he carried a small-sized revolver in his pocket.

First clue linking Hauptmann with the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby developed when a New Jersey filling station operator became suspicious when Hauptmann offered a \$10 gold certificate in payment of gasoline. This suspicion started the police inquiry which identified the certificates as part of the ransom money. Later \$13,750 of the \$50,000 was found in Hauptmann's cellar in the Bronx.

Among the many items of damaging evidence against Hauptmann police authorities rank as decidedly important the fact that handwriting experts have identified Hauptmann's handwriting as the same that appeared on the ransom notes.

Golden Anniversary to Be Observed Oct. 3-5

Fiftieth anniversary meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist association is to be held at the First Baptist church in Sweetwater, October 3, 4 and 5.

Rev. E. D. Dunlap, pastor of the host church, is to deliver the annual sermon, and R. C. Crane, pioneer Sweetwater resident, is to read a history of the association.

Other Baptist leaders included on the program are Dr. Hal S. Buckner of Buckner Orphans' Home, Dallas; J. Howard Williams, executive secretary of Texas Baptists; Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Hardin-Simmons university, and Dr. N. A. Moore, head of the Hardin-Simmons Bible department, Abilene.

October meeting of the Sweetwater workers conference will not be held, it has been announced.

Will Buy 1,000 Cattle In Taylor This Week

G. W. Barnes, assistant state drouth relief director, notified Taylor county officials to resume government cattle purchasing Tuesday and to continue the buying through Saturday. Quota set for this county is 1,000 head.

Other counties in this section that will share in the program are Stephens, Scurry, Runnels, Coke, Coleman, Callahan, Eastland, Erath, Nolan, Mitchell, Stonewall, Fisher and Jones.

Union Ridge Picnic.

The Union Ridge Picnic meets Saturday evening, September 29, at 7:30. Everyone is invited and what have you in your basket.

Name Trent Postmaster.

Washington, Sept. 27.—The post-office department Wednesday announced the appointment of John M. Strawn as acting postmaster at Trent, Texas.

BADGERS TO MEET RIVALS FROM JONES CAPITAL IN FIRST CONFERENCE TILT

ALL-STARS MEET NOLAN CHAMPS HERE SATURDAY

With the Dixie series under way and the World series in the offing, baseball fans of Merkel and this section will enjoy a local game Saturday that promises to be a thriller.

An all-star team from the eight clubs comprising the Merkel inter-community league of 1934 will play the Dixie nine, champions of the Nolan county league, the game to start at 3 o'clock. There will be no charge for admission and everyone is invited.

Probable line-up of the Merkel all-stars, as announced by E. H. Jowers, manager, follows:

W. Jowers, Tye, lf; Dwigings, Stith, rf; John Terry, Trent, ss; Willie Weaver, Trent, c; Herod, Tye, 2b; Nugent, Trent, 1b; Dalton Jones, Trent, cf; Street, Tye, 3b; Jack Goode, Noodle, p.

Neighboring Schools Announce Openings

The Blair school will open next Monday, October 1, according to announcement made this week by the trustees, Messrs. R. E. Windham, C. M. Hughes and Z. V. Moore.

John Russell is principal of the Blair school, the teaching staff including Misses Thelma McAninch, Margaret Thomas and Sybil Smith.

On the following Monday, October 8, the Salt Branch school will open. This is a two-teacher school, with Miss Madelin Williams of Abilene, principal, and Miss Pearl Elliott of Merkel, assistant. Trustees are Messrs. W. O. Higgins, O. W. Paine and R. E. Harris.

Game Called 4 P. M. Friday on Local Gridiron; Two Teams Have Broken Even, With Two Victories Each, Past 4 Years.

The Badgers play Anson on the local field Friday, the game to start at 4 o'clock, the first conference tilt for both elevens.

For the past four years the teams have battled evenly. In 1930 Anson defeated Merkel 18-6; in 1931, 20-0. In 1932 Merkel trounced the Tigers 20 to 0 and in 1933 the Badgers eked out a 6-0 win over their ancient foes.

On last Friday Anson and Throckmorton played a scoreless tie at Throckmorton. Anson is reputedly some stronger than last year, since several ineligible, who worked out for the team last year, are eligible this season.

The probable starting line-up for Merkel follows: ends, Dowell and Joyner; tackles, McAninch and Carson; guards, Tipton and Sublett; center, Z. Robertson; quarter, Adcock; halves, Richards and Higgins; full back, Boaz, captain.

Merkel Takes Opener From Clyde Bulldogs


Led by Bussy Boaz, the Badgers trimmed Clyde in last Friday's game by the score of 12-6. Richards carried the ball across from the one-yard line after a long drive down the field in the first period and the other touchdown came in the last period when Higgins took a short pass from Boaz and ran 20 yards to score. Both tries for points were blocked.

Clyde scored on the third play of the game. Dean, right half, broke away for a 60-yard gain on the very first play. He was brought down from behind by Higgins.

Merkel gained 237 yards from scrimmage, as compared with 97 for Clyde. Merkel also led in first downs, 17 to 3.

McAninch and Robertson stood out in the Badger line, while Waggoner, Phillips and Paulk starred in the line for the losers.

Clyde had the edge on Merkel on (Continued on Page Two.)



... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible,"
and which contains Four Great Treasures ...

by BRUCE BARTON

A PROPHET DISHONORED.

The death of John the Baptist was the first warning Jesus had of the fate in store for Him. Cast into prison for denouncing the licentious marriage of Herod, John was sacrificed to the wicked request of the wife, Herodias, and her abandoned daughter, Salome. And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt and I will give it thee. . . .

And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. . . .

And immediately the king sent an executioner . . .

And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel; and the damsel gave it to her mother.

The death of John cast a permanent shadow over the heart of Jesus and added greatly to the force and bitterness of His denunciations. His rejection by His home town, Nazareth, was another blow. It is easy to imagine the high hopes with which He had turned His steps toward it. He had made a great stir in the capital. For the first time in history the name of Nazareth was linked with the name of a national character. He would go back to His old friends and neighbors, give them the glad tidings, heal their sick, and share with them the joys of success. But the town received Him scornfully. "You may have fooled them in Capernaum," the cynical faces said, "but little old Nazareth isn't so slow. You're no prophet; we know you. You're just the boy who used to work in the carpenter shop."

He could do there no mighty work because of their unbelief. His mother and brothers wavered, feeling it unsafe to be closely connected with one who was stirring up so much opposition. They urged Him to go up to Jerusalem.

For even his brethren did not believe in him. So, deserted by those who ought to have stood by Him most staunchly, abandoned by this popular following, supported only by His original little group of disciples, and they wavering and in doubt, He made His way back to Jerusalem to face the events of that last great week which the Gospels give us in such full detail.

In the final hour of tragedy even His disciples were missing. Only a few stricken women huddled at the foot of the Cross, and the last word of faith was spoken not by a friend but fell from the lips of a crucified thief:

Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. So He died, and those who had demanded His blood regarded their triumph as complete.

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Ed McCrary Wins Trip To Century of Progress

Ed McCrary, in charge of the parts department of the Merkel Motor company, left Tuesday for Chicago where he will visit the World's Fair and especially the Ford exhibit at the Century of Progress.

Ed won this trip as an award for increased sales and for excellent showing he made in the parts department of the local Ford agency.

Gets \$1,100 Verdict in \$10,000 Damage Suit

Jury in the \$10,000 suit of Robert Dunn, formerly of Merkel and now living in Abilene, against the Texas Coca Cola Bottling company, returned a verdict on special issues and fixed damages at \$1,100 Wednesday in 42nd district court.

Dunn alleged in the suit that he suffered severe injuries from drinking a bottle of Coca Cola containing particles of glass.

RURAL SOCIETY

BURLESON-PATTON.

Miss Ruby Patton and Mr. Dale Burleson were united in marriage Saturday afternoon, September 22, at the Methodist parsonage in Merkel, with Rev. P. H. Gates, the pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Burleson is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Patton of the Union Ridge community. She was graduated from Merkel High school in 1929 and has been active in all church and social life of her community.

The groom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Burleson, also of Union Ridge, is employed on the Largent ranch, where they will make their home.

Many friends are extending congratulations and best wishes for good luck and happiness.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon, Sept. 21, in the home of Mrs. Chester Bonds with the making of luncheon sets the theme of the afternoon. Miss Mabel McRee won the club basket.

Mrs. W. C. Lee gave a report of the council meeting held in Abilene the previous Saturday.

Mrs. Pierce Horton and Mrs. Chester Bonds were appointed to attend the demonstration on the canning of tomato juice and the making of pickles held Tuesday afternoon at the Farm Homemakers market in Abilene. The demonstration was given by Mrs. Irma Densaeing, who is a representative for a glass jar company.

The club quilt, which is in progress in the home of Mrs. Pierce Horton, is to be worked on Wednesday and Friday. We urge every club member to try and work one of these afternoons on the quilt so that it might be finished.

We are sorry to report that the club president, Mrs. W. A. Harris, was ill and could not attend the meeting.

After the business session concluded, pratin, sandwiches, cookies and olives were served to Mesdames S. G. Russell, Jr., O. E. Harwell, O. R. Douglas, Selma Russell, W. C. Lee, E. R. Turner, Lee Tipton, J. L. McRee, Jessie Crow, W. J. Derstine, Melvin Carey, S. C. Vick, S. O. Patton, Mack Tucker, Chester Bonds, Pierce Horton, D. A. Lee, Burley Bonds, J. B. Haire, Marvin Douglas and Misses Mabel McRee, Alice Russell, Alice and Ruby Carey, Marybel Douglas and Mrs. Dale Burleson.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Selma Russell on the fifth of October.

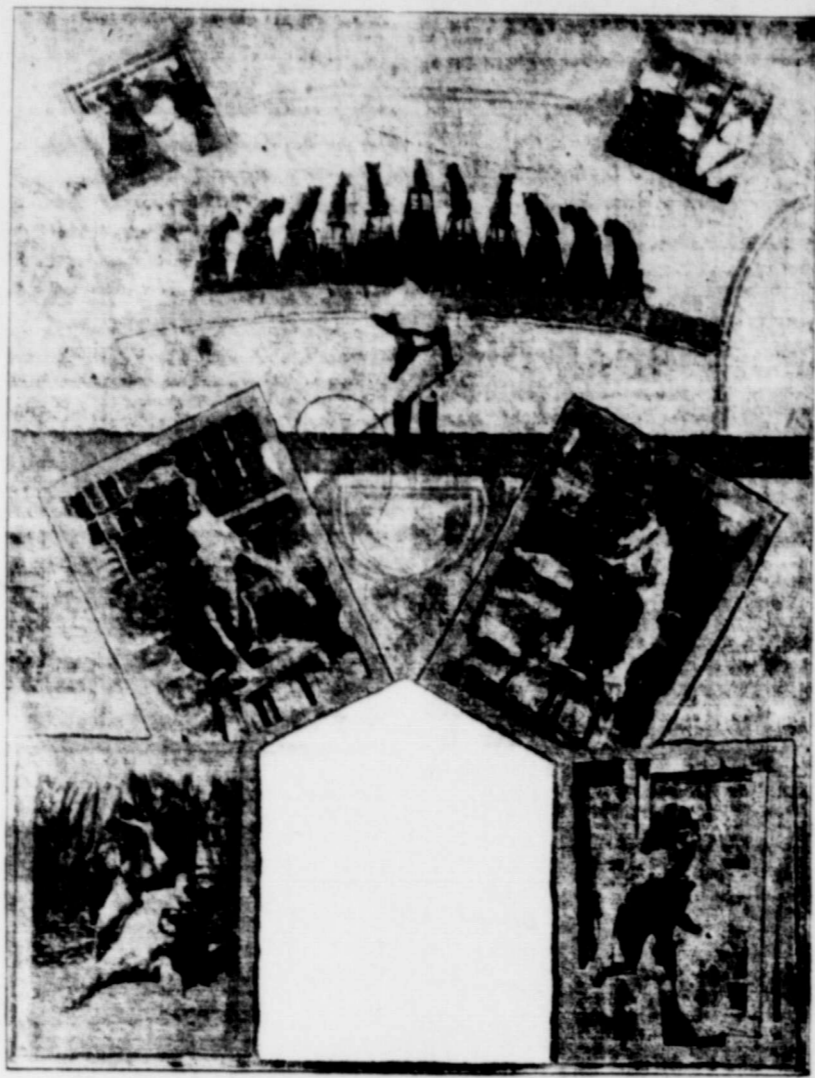
CHICKEN FRY.

Miss Nelma Riney gave a chicken fry Saturday evening at Mountain Pass complimenting her cousin, Jessie Bell Riney, of Slaton.

A menu consisting of chicken, pickles, potato chips and cakes was enjoyed by the following: Misses Florene and Fern Evans of Sweetwater, Una Merle Garrett, Maurice Pressly, Morgan Frazier, Paul Riney and the honoree and hostess.

England's free library services cost, in the last year, 33c per head of population.

Youngest Trainer to Show at Fair



As one of the special features with "The Show of The Century," young Manuel King, ten-year-old tamer of wild beasts, and his ten African lions will be brought to the State Fair of Texas, it has been announced by Otto Herold, president of the exposition, upon advice received from Mike Barnes, producer of "The Show of The Century."

Young King, who handles his group of African lions as a veteran, hails from Brownville, Texas, and is the son of the famous Snake King, one of the best known dealers in snakes and wild animals in the world. Young Manuel has been brought up with lions, tigers, pumas, panthers and other wild animals, but it has been only a year that he has been training the lions.

He is a student of "Chubby" Guilfoyle, one-armed animal trainer, who has been handling and breaking "cat" acts for many years. Guilfoyle lost his arm in an accident when three lions pounced upon him simultaneously. He has done an exceptionally good job of training young Manuel for the most sensational act which has been seen in America for many a day.

A special number in which the youngster will be seen as Tarzan of the Apes in his boyhood, is being worked out by Mr. Barnes for his "Show of The Century," and it is expected to be one of the most sensational acts ever seen in America. No record can be found where any boy of Manuel's years has ever attempted to handle a group of lions, or any other kind of animals.

Organize Choral Club In Grammar School

The Choral singers from the fifth, sixth and seventh grades met last Thursday afternoon to organize their club for the ensuing year. Forty members were present and a great interest for a profitable and successful club was manifested. It was decided to meet on Thursday morning from 8:30 to 9.

Officers elected were: Mabel Murray, president; Betty Jane Diltz, secretary, and Marjorie Ann Walker, mascot.

After discussing plans for the club, several songs were sung and everyone left willing and eager to do and be his best.

Miss Morgan is club sponsor.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hoby are attending the rural teachers music school in Abilene this week.

Miss Cora Margarette Johnson left Sunday for Blackwell where she entered school Monday.

The following pupils from our school have entered the Merkel public schools: Misses Alice and Ruby Carey, Laverne Harwell, Lena Faye Douglas and Woodrow Clark and Woodrow and Miller Patton.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Clyde Irvin and baby, Dorothy Nell, are getting along nicely at this writing.

Abilene visitors from our community Saturday included: Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas, Bernard Clark and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Douglas and perhaps other whose names we failed to get. Messrs. Carl Rogers and Jack Deleck of Clyde were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rogers.

At a recent meeting of the board of trustees, which consists of J. H. Clark, M. L. Douglas and O. R. Carey, announcement was made that the Union Ridge school would begin the first Monday in Oct. We hope that all parents will be present for the opening day and meet the new teachers, if you have not already done so.

We are glad to report that Mrs. W. A. Harris is some better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Quincey Traylor were called to the bedside of the latter's father, H. T. Lucas, of Winters. Mr. Traylor returned Monday, leaving his wife there.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Jury Returns No-Bill In Lawn Murder Case

Returning eleven indictments to Judge M. S. Long after two days of investigations, the grand jury of 42nd district court late Tuesday reported a no-bill against Mrs. Constance Montgomery. Lawn woman charged with murder in connection with the shooting of her husband during a domestic quarrel the morning of September 14.

The grand jury recessed until Thursday, October 4.

Football

(Continued from Page One.)

punts, averaging around 38 yards to 35 for Merkel. Boaz seemed to have better accuracy with his punts, on one occasion the ball going out of bounds on the 4-yard line.

Merkel tried 8 passes, 2 being complete for 50 yards, one for a touchdown and one intercepted. Clyde tried three, one being complete and two incomplete.

The line-ups:

Clyde	Pts.	Merkel
Waggoner	LE	Cook
Allen	LT	McAninch
Eason	LG	Tipton
Paulk, Capt.	C	Toombs
Barnett	RG	Sublett
Caldwell	RT	Carson
Phillips	RE	Joyner
Rutledge	Q	Adcock
Doan	RH	Higgins
Connell	LH	Richards
Dillard	FB	Boaz, Capt.

Substitutes: for Clyde, Taylor for Caldwell; for Merkel, Robertson for Sublett, Sublett for Robertson, Patton for Carson, Carson for Patton, Gambill for Richards, Blair for Higgins, Dowell for Cook.

Officials—Referee, Carl Pee. (Stimmons); field judge, T. D. Riddle; head linesman, Shouse.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reddin, residing near Stith, Friday, September 21, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beard, residing north of town, Monday, September 24, 1934.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our appreciation to our friends for their sympathy for us in our recent bereavement and for their kindness to our mother during the years past.

The Annis Family.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 jr 61.

Ely Culbertson's books on bridge have sold well over 1,000,000 copies, publishers say.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird arrived Tuesday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry West.

Miss Peggy Barnett is spending the week in Ranger in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Barnett.

J. E. Addison, who had been in a San Angelo sanitarium for several weeks, returned home Monday.

Mrs. T. C. Wilson of Dallas spent Wednesday with her husband's parents here, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wilson.

Miss Nelma Riney of Mulberry Canyon spent Saturday night with Misses Fern and Florene Evans of Gyp Site.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglas and son, Barney, left Wednesday for Balmorhea where they will visit Mrs. Douglas' brother.

Miss Dixie Blair, who had been in San Angelo for several weeks, returned home Monday for a few days. She leaves Friday for Baird.

Mrs. Martin Jensen and two little daughters of Louisville, Ky., are here for a visit with Mrs. Jensen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Proctor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eysen left Sunday for Tyler after an extended visit with Mrs. Eysen's mother, Mrs. Amy Sears, and her sister, Miss Mary Eula Sears.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Eppler and little daughter spent the week-end with Mr. Eppler's sister, Mrs. P. H. Gates. Mr. Eppler is teaching at Valley View in Martin county.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnett have had as their guests the past week Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilson and J. A. Wilson of Blue Ridge, Texas. Mrs. Wilson is a sister of Mr. Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg of Chillicothe, accompanied by Mrs. Clark Jones and son, Jerry, of Rush Springs, Ark., were week-end guests of the Bragg and Sears families.

Miss Beryl Hunter, who has been doing special training at the San Bernardino hospital, San Bernardino, Calif., returned home Sunday to spend a week before going back to Lubbock.

Mrs. H. C. Williams returned Wednesday night from an extended trip to several western states, having visited her brother at Jackson, Wyo., another brother in Kansas and her daughter, in Marshall, Mo.

James H. West, Jr., arrived from El Paso Sunday, having accompanied his aunt, Mrs. W. B. Brown, who is visiting Mr. Brown's mother at Anson. James will visit several days with his parents and friends.

W. D. Swann, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Irene Swann, returned Tuesday night from El Paso where he had been for the past several weeks. His daughter, who formerly lived at Tulsa, Okla., will accompany him to Tyler later this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner and their daughters, Miss Maxie Banner and Mrs. S. L. Owens of San Angelo, the latter their guest, visited Sunday with their son, J. R. Banner and family at Newman. Mrs. Owens will return home this week-end.

Thomas Gay, who underwent an appendicitis operation at Parkland hospital in Dallas recently, and his mother, Mrs. J. G. Gay, have returned home. They were accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Mabel Kerr, and children, Lloyd and Dorothy Nell, for a visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Cypert of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cypert and daughter, Betty Sue, Mrs. Frank Cook, Mr. and Mrs. C.V. Raughton, all of Port Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Smith, Lubbock, and Mrs. Henry Bright and two children, Jack and Francis, of Trent, who have been visiting their father, W. G. Cypert, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Woodrum, and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cypert, returned home Wednesday.

Four national and nine state banks were opened the last week in July, according to the "American Banker," raising the total of banks reopened or replaced this year to 1033, of which 343 were national and 690 state-chartered banks.

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Suggestions for Cold Weather Preparedness, Outlined by Gas Man

Wild geese have already started south, stepping up their usual schedules about a month, with the first flight in Texas reported in August by a Fort Worth citizen. Scientific-minded gentlemen, observing this and similar occurrences in other parts of the state, have come forth with statements that early flights of geese foretell an early and a hard winter.

Gas companies, while not posing as scientists, have been busy all summer repairing transmission lines, laying field line to connect new wells, and increasing compressor power. The local gas company has checked over its lines and believes residents should begin now to check their own house heating.

In warning customers to look over their heating equipment before cold weather starts and have it set up, with meters connected in readiness for winter, the gas company makes the following suggestions:

Wall cocks and old space heaters should be inspected and replaced if necessary. Whenever possible gas equipment should be connected by piping; if flexible tubing is used, it should be renewed as it is rarely good for more than one season. Additional heating equipment, if needed, should be purchased now to avoid the rush that usually comes with the first cold day. Vented automatic heating equipment for increased comfort and more healthful conditions in the home has been adapted by manufacturers especially for the moderate sized home. A small furnace which hangs beneath the floor, circulating warm air through a grill into one or two rooms; gas steam radiators, which manufacture their heat at the wall; and warm air circulating heaters are some of the newer popular heating units. Their even, circulating heat which may be automatically controlled eliminates wall sweating and overheating with its attendant colds and other winter ailments.

All of this heating equipment, as well as room heaters if connected with gas piping, has been included in the list of home furnishings which may be purchased through National Housing Act insured loans.

NOODLE NEWS

Brother Kilpatrick of A. C. C. preached at the Church of Christ here at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday.

Our school is progressing nicely, this being the second week. We have seven teachers this year, as follows: Prof. F. T. Bell, superintendent; Prof. Pickard of Abilene, Miss Thelma Suber, Abilene, Miss Vernie Derick, Merkel, High school teachers; Miss Mary Evelyn Boaz, Mrs. F. T. Bell and Mrs. O. C. Vick, Grammar school teachers. All the High school teachers have a degree and are teaching the subjects in which they majored. The Grammar school teachers also have had special training in their line of work. We have an enrollment of about 175 students. We are gratified that we have an efficient faculty and, with the co-operation of the pupils and patrons, we can have the best school we have ever had.

Our community singing starts again Friday night. Everyone is invited to attend.

Quite a number of Noodle people attended the circus at Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McGinnis spent Monday with A. C. Sosebee and family.

Mrs. A. J. Barbee and children, Lowell, Leta Faye, Bobby Lee and Dorothy, spent the week-end at Plainview at the bedside of Mrs. Barbee's

brother, Joe Callaway, who has been very sick. They report his condition improved.

J. R. Murdock and family spent Sunday with Bill Herring and family. W. J. Bicknell and son, Alton, left Tuesday morning for Fort Worth, Cleburne and Bonham, where they expect to visit friends and relatives for several days. Bonham is the former home of Mr. Bicknell before he came to this community 26 years ago.

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Governor Proclaims Fire Prevention Week

Austin, Tex., Sept. 27.—By proclamation of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, October 7 to 13 has been set aside as Fire Prevention Week in Texas.

"The observance of this occasion comes at a time when the American people are deeply shocked and grieved over the tragic disaster at sea which occurred as result of fire," she said. "Every man, woman and child should pledge themselves to do everything in their power to prevent recurrence of such ghastly tragedies."

A 6000-foot tower is planned at Paris for the fair to be held there in 1937.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Alex Williamson, in company with her brother, H. W. Beckham, were week-end guests with friends at Seymour and Vernon last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews entertained as guests last week-end the former's parents, Grandpa and Grandma Matthews of Hebron.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English, in company with his son, Jeff, and wife, all of Herneleigh, were guests here last week of Mrs. J. B. Winn, Mrs. Boots Brown and Mrs. Joe Boone.

On last Thursday the WMS of the Baptist church was royally entertained in the home of Mrs. J. I. Leamon with a covered dish luncheon. Quilting was the motive of the meeting and two quilts were partially quilted. One was a friendship quilt and was presented to the pastor's wife by the WMS. The other was a doll quilt belonging to the pastor's little daughter, Mable Jo. Each one reported a splendid day, thanks to Mrs. Leamon, who really knows how to entertain.

Isaac Bright of Texico was here for a visit with his father, Jackson Bright, last week.

Grandpa Burton, has returned home after spending some two weeks with his son and family at Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Armour of Eastland were guests in the home of the latter's parents here last Thursday night. They were en route home after making a business trip to Mexico.

Mrs. J. B. Winn returned home last week from Groesbeck after visiting a week with her daughter, Mrs. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Riley of Coleman, but formerly of this place, were guests of their two daughters, Mrs. Hub West and Mrs. Arthur Duncan, the greater part of last week.

Homer Easterwood of Taft spent a few days at his mother's bedside last week. Mrs. Woodard's condition isn't much improved.

Mrs. Alma Howell and two sons, Donald and Allen, in company with the former's brother, Obie Lester, are visiting in Llano this week.

The Methodists had a high day last Sunday, having an all-day affair. Brother Lane of Abilene brought the message at the 11 o'clock hour, at which there was a good representation of the church here and also of the neighboring churches. At the noon hour a bountiful dinner was served by the ladies and in the afternoon conference was held, Brother Lane bringing another powerful message. Everyone seems built up spiritually and we are extending our invitation to one and all to attend our regular services.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. W. R. McLeod entertained a few youngsters in her home in honor of her daughter, Bobbie Ruth's tenth birthday. After games and contests were enjoyed the merry bunch was served delicious refreshments, which consisted of popcorn, candy, cookies and hot chocolate with marshmallows. Each guest presented the honoree with a nice little gift and reported a splendid afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dudley are announcing the arrival of a baby daughter, who made her appearance last Sunday.

Jack Bowers of Abilene spent Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. J. P. Roberts returned from Mineral Wells Saturday where she had been for the past two weeks.

In honor of her daughter, Helen's

18th birthday, Mrs. N. O. Bright Monday night served delicious cream and cake to the family, also to Mrs. Sam Jones and Gene Murdock as guests.

Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Currie were in Clyde a short time Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stribling, in company with the latter's mother, Mrs. C. T. Beckham, visited relatives at Lamesa the past week-end.

Earl Bright, who has been away for some time, has returned.

Mrs. L. W. Dowdy has returned home after some two months' visit with her brother, Mr. Fronabarger.

PRICE-McDONALD.

Miss Odessa McDonald of this place and Mr. Arthur Price of the Goodman community were united in marriage at 8 o'clock Saturday evening at the Baptist parsonage, only the immediate families and members of the pastor's family being present. Rev. W. H. Howell read the ceremony.

Mrs. Price is one of our most highly thought of girls and was reared here. Mr. Price is a well-to-do farmer and up to this time is residing with his parents on a farm seven miles north of Trent, on which they will continue for the time being. We all wish them a long and happy married life.

On Sunday the bride's parents and two sisters, Winnie and Veneta, were royally entertained with a bountiful dinner at the noon hour in the home

of the groom's parents. Other relatives and friends were also guests at this affair.

GOLAN NEWS

Farmers are getting most of their cotton out. Nearly all the cotton pickers used by farmers here are living in this community.

Golan was well represented at the circus in Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. G. D. Bennett of Whitewright is visiting in the L. C. Williams home since Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Jeff Williams of Weatherford is visiting in the H. T. Jeffrey home since Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bennett of Whitewright are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Williams.

Rev. I. E. Biggs filled his regular fourth Sunday appointment here.

We hope to have more for Sunday School next Sunday than last Sunday. We will soon have our light plant installed.

Our school is to start at an early date. The auditorium has been finished. The piano is here now and several are to begin music lessons soon.

The United States Bureau of Public Roads estimates gasoline taxes in all the States amounted to \$519,000,000 in 1933, not including the federal tax of one cent per gallon.

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BLAIR ITEMS

Rev. H. E. Carroll of Abilene will fill the Methodist pulpit Sunday morning, Sept. 30, at the 11 o'clock hour and Brother Arthur Kendall, the pastor, will preach at the evening hour at 7:30. If you want to come along and help, be there and hear these messages. Everyone is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Moore and little daughter of Port Arthur have returned home, accompanied by their brother, Leonard Moore. Mr. Otis Moore's health is not of the best at present and we hope for his early recovery. Leonard returned to his post Saturday, being radio operator at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mayfield and little son of Trent have moved into our midst and we are proud to have this

young couple with us. (Your correspondent failed to get this note, which should have been sent in before.)

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams and son of Noodle visited with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan recently.

Miss Ruby Brown and sisters, Christine and Jessie Merle, of the Divide spent Friday with Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Miss Grace Frazier of Vernon is visiting for an indefinite time with her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes and fam-

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Nine Merkel Baptists Attend District Meet

Nine representatives from the First Baptist church were in attendance on the district missionary rally held at Lueders on Tuesday. 195 churches in the district, which embraces 11 counties, were represented, bringing the total registration to 255.

Rev. J. D. Brannon of Abilene, district missionary, as director, outlined objectives for the year and state leaders brought inspirational messages. All organizers of the seven associations in the district were present for an afternoon conference.

Besides Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church here and organizer for the Sweetwater association, the delegation from Merkel included: Mrs. Joyner, Mrs. Nim Teaff, Mrs. W. B. Stephens, Mrs. Roy Reid, Mrs. J. L. Winters, Misses Ruby and Bessie McNiece and W. D. Haynes.

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Wins Honor for Most Original Planning in Kitchen Improvement

A built-in-kitchen cabinet constructed from an old safe, a large radio box and a few good planks from a dismantled chicken coop was the beginning of an improvement program which won for Mrs. Roy Harrell, Salt Branch club woman, the honor of the most original idea followed in a kitchen improvement contest of Taylor county home demonstration clubs, recently closed. Materials for the work cost \$17.64.

Mrs. Harrell's description of her achievement follows:

"My kitchen was used for kitchen, dining room and sitting room, in spite of the fact that it was dark and inconvenient. In fact the family gathered in this room more than in any other room in the house.

"Long before I began my improvement program, I had saved every picture of a kitchen I could find in magazines and had ordered several catalogues. Finally I decided on a plan.

"The first thing I did was to tear apart an old safe that had been in use for 35 years. With this lumber, several good planks from a chicken coop I had made, and a big radio box, I began my built-in-cabinet. The work was slow, but I enjoyed it and soon had it together. It provided ample room for my cooking utensils, a large drawer with divisions for my knives, forks and spoons, and was mouse proof. I also made a long work bench.

"I painted the newly built cabinet green and ivory and used the same color in repainting an old refrigerator, inside kitchen doors and a sugar can and bread box. After removing wornout linoleum, I finished my kitchen floor in oak and gave the same finish to the top of my work bench.

"Removing dark paper from the walls, I replaced it with light paper in attractive design. I then cut flowers from the paper scraps, pasted these on doors and panels and applied a coat of shellac. I also put up a new window shade that would roll up and down.

"To complete the improvement program, I replaced a piece of tin in my stove door with glass, put new mica in the stove's burners, a pane in a window where ducking had done service for a long time, and catches and knobs on all doors and drawers."

Mrs. Harrell's expense account follows: Lumber and nails, \$2.55; paint, \$5.80; curtains and shades, .89; wallpaper and hanging, \$6.75; canvas, \$1.05; other items, .60.

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Prepared	MUSTARD, quart	15c
Blue & White	COCOA, pound	15c
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Camay	SOAP, bar	5c
Red & White	SOAP, 5 giant bars	19c
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The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones of Sidney. After graduating from Sidney, she attended John Tarleton and taught, first at Union Ridge, and for the last three years has taught at Noodle. In this capacity and through a natural graciousness Lucille has made many friends who are so glad to welcome her as a permanent resident.

The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Ellis; a graduate of Merkel High school, he also attended State University. He is at present with the O. S. Burkett Auditing Co., Abilene, but here in his home town Castle has held several responsible positions creditably and is respected as the soul of integrity.

Recently the Chinn place on Bettis Heights was bought and furnished and it is there Mr. and Mrs. Ellis are at home to their friends.

BRIDGE LUNCHEON.

Mrs. W. H. Eysen of Tyler, who will be remembered as Miss Bog Sears, was honored Thursday with a most delightful luncheon in the home of her mother, Mrs. Amy Sears, with her sister, Miss Mary Eula Sears, co-hostess in entertaining.

An autumn motif was carried out in table appointments for a three-course menu served on imported Japanese china in autumn colors and design. A beautiful table-center was fashioned of red and orange zinnias. Yellow cosmos and roses graced the game rooms.

Contract bridge furnished diversion for the afternoon and at the culmination of the games Mrs. Eysen was remembered with a beautiful piece of hand-made pottery from Kentucky while Mrs. O. W. Little of Tuscola was rewarded for her high score with a favor of blown-glass from Mexico.

Guests for this very enjoyable affair were Mrs. Eysen, Mrs. Martin Jensen, Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Floyd T. Lowe, Abilene, Mrs. O. W. Little, Tuscola, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. George White and Miss Christine Collins.

BIRD SUPPER.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones entertained very informally Friday evening with a bird supper, complimenting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eysen, who are guests of Mrs. Eysen's mother, Mrs. Amy Sears.

Crepe myrtle centered the supper table at which a most delectable bird menu was served in Rose-Marie glassware on lace.

The following guests were high in praise of Mrs. Jones' culinary achievements: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eysen, Mrs. H. C. Harbers, Mrs. Amy Sears, Misses Christine Collins and Mary Eula Sears, C. J. Glover, Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY DINNER.

H. D. Clark, pioneer of West Texas, who came to this section in 1878, settling in Mulberry Canyon, and long-time resident of Merkel, was the honoree of a surprise birthday dinner party Sunday at his home here when five of his children and their families gathered in celebration of the occasion of his 77th birthday. All of his children were here except one, Mrs. Ed Leslie, of Fort Worth.

Besides Mr. Clark and his wife, those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark, and family, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Clark and son, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Berj Brown and daughter, Merkel; Mrs. W. M. Brown and daughter, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Coats and son, Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brown, Fort Worth; Mrs. W. B. Snow and son, Fort Worth; Mrs. C. E. Shaver, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Logan, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wilson and daughter, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Jones and

CHURCH SERVICES

METHODIST CHURCH.

Stop! Look! Listen! Yes, we still have Sunday School each Sunday morning at 9:45. We missed you last Sunday and I am sure that you missed something by not being with us. We will be looking for you next Sunday at 9:45. Will you disappoint us, or will you be with us?

Preaching at 11 a. m. A good congregation in worship speaks out to the public that these are interested in the church of God and things that go to build a great church. But empty pews speak the opposite—empty pews have never built a great church. Come and worship with us in the services.

Preaching Sunday night 7:30. Subject, sermon No. 3 on the Prodigal Son, "Hungering for God." Remember we only keep you one hour. You can and will be a great inspiration to the preacher, if you are in the service. What will you do about it? Come.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Subject, "Life More Abundant." (John 10:1-18.) "The Tree that Grows in Your Garden," leader.

"What of the Leaves?" Paul Collins.

"The Sturdy Limbs," Ina Mae Berryman.

"To Give is to Live," Eleanor Mae Hamilton.

Reading, Mrs. W. A. Whiteley, Jr. The league appreciates the hospitality shown the members last Sunday evening at White Church.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

You are cordially invited to attend all of these services.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Total attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday was 754, as compared with 798 on the previous Sunday and with 833 on the same Sunday a year ago.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

We are now nearing the time for the assembly and making preparations for the same—and doing all we can to raise our budgets in full.

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Let us worship the Lord. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday. Sunday School 10 a. m. NYPS 7 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Our attendance in Bible School is on the increase; we are hoping every member will be present next Sunday.

Remember at 7:30 every Tuesday night we meet for singing. Come and sing with us.

There are several approved for baptism. We hope you will all be ready to be baptized by at least Sunday week, as we will be away about three weeks at the Bible School at Fort Worth.

Preaching every Saturday on streets at 4 o'clock. Preaching every Saturday night, Sunday morning at 11 a. m. and Sunday night at 8 o'clock. Young people's Bible study at 7:30.

Rev. F. G. Chunn will preach at our tabernacle Saturday night on "The Evils of Liquor and Gambling." He is an able speaker. If you are against these two evils, come and hear him.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Services for Sunday are as usual. Son, Anson; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Coats, Merkel, and John Brown, Merkel.

with the Sunday School beginning at 10 a. m. and preaching starting promptly at 11. The subject for discussion in the morning sermon is that suggested by Jesus when he warned the people of his day, "Remember Lot's Wife."

The young people meet at 6:30 p. m. and preaching begins at 7:45. Please notice the change in the hour and be present on time. We were mighty well pleased with the large number present for the preaching hours last Sunday and we want you to come back at other services.

Flavil R. Yeakley, Minister.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

When the Abilene Rotary club met for their weekly luncheon at the Hilton hotel last Friday, Merkel furnished one of the features on the entertainment program, Miss Christine Collins in song numbers, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Meiers of Abilene.

Mrs. R. A. Walker entered the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene Wednesday for major surgery.

Emory Jones, one of Merkel's popular young men, has leased the Corner Garage and announces that he will continue to handle a full line of Magnolia products.

Rev. Johnnie Lovell, well known Baptist preacher who broadcasts daily over KFPL, Dublin, will speak on the streets here at 4:30 Saturday afternoon. He announces that he will use his loud speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas Wednesday moved into the Walter Leach home, which they recently purchased.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

It has been the custom of Merkel Grove No. 563 of the Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle to hold its meetings the first and third Friday afternoons, but from now on the Grove will hold its regular meetings on the first and third Thursday afternoons, and the hour is 2:30 p. m. instead of 3 p. m. The degree team will practice every Thursday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. All members please take notice of these changes.

Lila Rea, Guardian. Sallie Gantt, Captain.

MILLER-BREWER.

On Saturday evening at seven o'clock Miss Irene Brewer and Mr. Clyde Miller, popular young couple of the Noodle community, were united in marriage by W. G. Cypert, Church of Christ minister, at his home here.

The Mail joins many friends in wishing the newly married couple much success and happiness.

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Merkel Grad Scores 99 in English Test

Waldeline Huskey, daughter of Mrs. S. A. Huskey and a graduate of the Merkel High school with the class of 1934, ranked highest among the students taking the English placement test for Freshmen of McMurry college. She made a grade of 99.

Bessylea Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church, and Wanda Hunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter, both graduates of Merkel High school, were also among the fifty-three per cent of the Freshmen who passed.

Passing of the difficult quiz denotes superior high school training and admits the student to the Freshmen "honor class" of the college. Those who fail are required to take the regular first year course prescribed in the catalogue.

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Mackerel	Tall can 3 for	25c
Peanut Butter	Full 2 lb.	25c
Crackers	Qt. jar Excel Saltines 2 lb. box	21c
Picnic Hams	Armour's Per lb.	19c
Pork & Beans	16 oz. can 4 for	25c
Compound	Vegetole 8 lb. pail	85c
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