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ROBY DOWNS MERKEL 13-0; HAMLIN NEXT

Badgers Put Up Good Battle, Only to Lose in Last Five Min- utes of Play; Meet Pied Pipers This Week.

After holding the strong Roby eleven on equal terms for 55 minutes of the game, the Badgers lost a thrilling game Friday by the score of 13 to 0. Up until the last five minutes when Boaz and Tipton had to be taken out, due to injuries, the team played good ball. Time after time Boaz would rip through the line only to be pulled down by the Roby secondary. The half found the Badgers on the Roby 5-yard line with a first down.

Near the end of the third quarter Merkel had advanced the ball to the 10-yard line only to have a pass intercepted and returned up the field for 70 yards. Gambill caught the player from behind.

The famed Roby passing attack, which had won several games for them, failed to work. Time after time Roby threw long passes only to have them knocked down by an alert Badger team.

Because of a high wind, the punts were mostly short; also both teams had several punts blocked, one of which led to a touchdown for Roby.

Outstanding players for Merkel were McAninch, Carson and Patton in the line, while the whole back field stood out. For Roby, T. Beene and Headstream were the principal ground gainers.

This week Merkel goes to Hamlin to engage in another conference tilt.

The Badger line-up for the Roby game was:

Joyner, left end; McAninch, left tackle; Robertson, left guard; Toombs, center; Tipton, right guard; Carson, right tackle; Patton, right end; Adcock, quarter; Gambill, left half; Higgins, right half; Boaz, full back.

Area Ginnings For Season 7,370 Bales

The week up to Wednesday night accounted for 155 bales ginned at the five plants here and those at Blair, Stith and Noodle, bringing the seasons total to 7,370 bales.

Two Day Holiday in Schools Thanksgiving

As has been the custom for the past many years, two days holiday will be given in the public schools here for Thanksgiving. These will be Thursday and Friday, November 29 and 30. Schools will reopen on Monday, December 3.

The latter is the date set by the school board at their meeting Tuesday night for the beginning of the compulsory attendance period.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, November 6, 1934.)

The dancing crowd and their friends enjoyed several hours Thursday evening at the Coleman building where they honored Miss Zora Coggin with a social hop. Music was furnished by "Jerry," the new boy at the Elite.

A very enjoyable party of more than usual interest was given by Will Merritt at his home on Elm street Saturday evening. Jack O' Lanterns were on the gate posts and lighted the lawn where the young people played croquet. Delicious fruit was served to the guests, after which they were accompanied on a serenading trip by Misses Jones and Merritt as chaperones.

Miss Mattie Christopher of this place and Mr. Arthur Clark of Fort Worth were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents on Oak street.

Mrs. J. M. Williams of Abilene was in Merkel the first of the week visiting Mesdames Scott and Walker and Miss Susie Penn.

Alfred N. Pike, age 39, of this place died at Abilene Sunday morning from injuries received Saturday morn-

FULL ROSTER OF COMMITTEES OF NEW LION CLUB

The full complement of standing committees of the Lions club was named at the bi-monthly luncheon of the club Tuesday at the American cafe. These committees, with the chairman first, are:

Membership: Dee Grimes, W. O. Boney, Fred Hughes.

Attendance: Jim Cook, R. M. Ferguson, J. O. Lusby.

Finance: Booth Warren, Roy Reid, C. J. Glover.

Publicity: C. J. Glover, Isadore Mellinger, Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning.

Lions education: Henry West, E. B. Wallace, Milton Case.

Constitution: C. J. Glover, Yates Brown, R. A. Burgess.

Program: J. O. Lusby, Dr. W. T. Sadler, W. W. Haynes.

Civic improvement: S. D. Gamble, A. T. Sheppard, Dr. W. T. Sadler.

Boys and Girls work: Roy Reid, C. H. Jones, Tracy Campbell.

Safety: R. M. Ferguson, A. T. Sheppard, J. O. Lusby.

Community betterment: W. W. Haynes, Fred Hughes, Yates Brown.

Education of youth: R. A. Burgess, Roy Reid, Fred Hughes.

Public health: A. T. Sheppard, Dr. W. T. Sadler, R. A. Burgess.

Citizenship: Tracy Campbell, S. P. Nesmith, W. O. Boney.

Big Two Day Rodeo in Merkel Starts Friday

Details are all complete for Merkel's big two-day rodeo on Friday and Saturday of this week, beginning at 2 o'clock each day.

Features will include bronc riding, calf roping, wild cow milking, steer riding and other events. Rodeo stock is to be used from the Double-Heart ranch, with Ollie Cox and a group of local rodeo enthusiasts as joint sponsors.

A small price of admission will be charged: 10c for children and 25c for adults.

There will be a big parade each day, starting at 1 o'clock Friday and at 10 a. m. Saturday.

Program in Honor Of Armistice Day

A special program in commemoration of Armistice Day has been arranged for Sunday night, beginning at 7:15, at the First Baptist church.

The program follows:
Congregational hymn, "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Prayer.

Reading, Mrs. Comer Haynes.

"Star Spangled Banner," congregation.

"The Lord's Prayer," girls' chorus.

Offertory, Miss Emma Joyner.

"A Poem of Prayer," Frances Largent.

"Praise Ye Jehovah," choir.

Sermon.

Closing hymn, congregation.

Benediction.

"WHAT DID YOU SEE OUT THERE, MY LAD?"

What did you see out there, my lad,
That has set that look in your eyes;
You went out a boy, but you've come
back a man

With strange new depths underneath
your tan.
What was it you saw out there, my
lad?

That has set such deeps in your eyes.
Strange things, and sad—and won-
derful,

Things that I scarce can tell;
I have been in the sweep of the Reap-
er's scythe

With God—and Christ and hell.
I have seen Christ doing Christly
deeds

And I have seen the devil at play;
I have grimpt to the sod in the
hand of God

And I have seen the godless pray.
I have seen death blast out suddenly
From a clear blue summer sky,

And I have slain like Cain with a
blazing brain
And I have heard the wounded cry.

And I have lain among the dead,
With no hope but to die,
And I have seen them killing the
wounded ones,

I have seen them crucify.
I have seen the devil in petticoats
Wiling the souls of men,

And I have seen great sinners do
great deeds
And turn to their sins again.

I have sped through hells of fiery
hell,
In full red fury shod,
And I have heard the whisper of a
voice—

I have looked in the face of God.
You've a right to that deep, high
look, my lad,

You have met God in your way,
And no man ever looks in His face
But he feels it all his day.

You've a right to that deep high look,
my lad,
And we thank Him for His grace.

—From a Reprint.

R. J. ADCOCK, 88, DIES SUDDENLY

While Visiting in Home of Daugh- ter at Uvalde for Winter, Drops Over in Easy Death.

R. J. Adcock, 88, well known to practically everybody in Merkel where he had made his home most of the time since 1900, died unexpectedly at 6 o'clock Sunday evening at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Jeffie Rice, in Uvalde, where he was spending the winter.

The body was brought here for burial in Rose Hill cemetery, beside the grave of his wife, who died here 25 years ago. Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the Church of Christ, with Elder W. G. Cypert, long time friend, officiating.

Pallbearers were: R. E. Adcock, Gustine, a nephew; Elmer, Oscar and Wayman Adcock, Merkel, great-nephews; Ransom Moore, Breckenridge, a grandson, and Grady Baldwin, a grandson-in-law.

Born and reared in Tennessee, Mr. Adcock moved to Texas in 1870, settling in the LaGrange section. Since 1900 he had resided in or near Merkel, having engaged for more than 25 years in farming and stock farming.

He served in the Confederate army, and at the close of the war was a prisoner in federal camp.

Survivors include four daughters: Mrs. Rice of Uvalde, Mrs. J. Willie Moore and Mrs. J. H. Hunter of Merkel, and Mrs. R. E. Kunze of Fore Worth, 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

One brother, R. A. Adcock, of Gustine, who is the father of Postmaster Adcock and R. L. Adcock, also survives and he came here for the funeral.

W. D. SMITH, 88, DIES AT STANTON

Native Texan and Father of T. M. Smith Passes Away Early Sunday Morning.

William David Smith, 88, father of Marvin Smith of this city, died at 7 a. m. Sunday at his home in Stanton. His son from here was at his bedside when death came. His wife died on June 20 of this year at the age of 87.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the Methodist church at Stanton, with Rev. Jim Sharp, pastor, and Rev. Mr. Young of Snyder officiating. Stewards of the church acted as pallbearers and the Masonic lodge supervised the burial.

Mr. Smith, a native Texan and resident of Merkel from 1890 to 1909, was born in Harrison county on February 15, 1846. He was married to Miss Narcissa A. Hall on January 18, 1866, and the Smith family moved from Hunt county to West Texas in 1890, settling first at Merkel.

Joining the Confederate army, Mr. Smith served until the close of the Civil War. He had been a Methodist for 65 years, a steward for 62 years. He helped cut the blocks and other timber from the Sabine river bottom to build the first Methodist church at Greenville and he was one of a committee of fifteen on building the first structure for the Methodist church here. Only two of that body of fifteen are now living, George Boyce of Merkel and J. K. Pittard, now engaged in the drug business at Anson. Mr. Smith was a charter member of the Masonic lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M. of Merkel and had held high Masonic offices.

Survivors are four sons and one daughter: Mrs. Mary Eiland, Stanton; O. A. Smith, Trent; T. M. Smith, (Continued on Page Five.)

War Planned on Wolves. Coyotes in This Section

W. S. J. Brown has received a letter from County Judge John L. Camp urging his attendance at a meeting of stockmen and county officials in Anson, Saturday, November 17, called for the purpose of furthering plans for the extermination of wolves, coyotes and other predatory animals in this section.

The meeting is set for 10 o'clock at the Jones county court house in Anson and everyone interested in the extermination of these public enemies especially ranchmen, are urged to attend.

The present movement embraces nine counties in this area, Jones, Nolan, Callahan, Shackelford, Fisher, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton and Taylor.

Former Residents Cordially Welcomed

Dr. George L. Miller and Mrs. Miller and their daughter, Miss Clara Louise, of San Diego, Calif., former residents of Merkel, are visiting friends here this week and are being extended a most cordial welcome.

Prior to his removal to California in 1926, Dr. Miller practiced medicine here for more than twenty years.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Bodo Holekamp of Boerne, Texas' only non-democratic member of the legislature, was defeated Tuesday by A. P. C. Petsch, democrat. Holekamp ran as an independent.

Dr. J. C. Hardy of Belton, president of Mary Hardin-Baylor college, was elected to head Texas Baptists for a third term at the annual state convention in San Antonio.

John Bigham, former sheriff of Bell county, who was defeated two years ago by George D. Zivley, recently killed in an automobile accident, was again elected sheriff in a write-in campaign.

R. V. Smitham, graduate of Texas A. & M. college and formerly city manager at Lufkin, Big Spring and Wichita Falls, was elected general manager of the entire rural rehabilitation program in Texas.

Virbil Stalcup and Clarence Brown, gunmen who escaped from the Dickens County jail Saturday, October 27, after shooting Sheriff W. B. Arthur to death with his own pistol, were captured near Houston Friday night.

Crimine lectures by the mothers of Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker at the South Texas exposition in Houston were stopped Saturday by the city council on protests from scores of mothers and representatives of civic organizations.

The Texas senate Wednesday night finally passed and sent to the house a bill to appropriate \$5,000,000 for the Texas Centennial and also adopted a controversial conference report on a bill to relinquish penalties and interest on delinquent taxes.

Lieut. Col. Horace M. Hickman, commanding officer of the Third Attack group at Fort Crockett, Galveston, and one of the highest ranking officers in the U. S. army air corps, was killed when his A-12 attack plane nosed over on landing at the Fort Cockett airfield.

R. M. Hubbard, 57, former chairman of the Texas state highway commission and member of the legislature, died suddenly Tuesday night from heart failure at his New Boston residence, 22 miles west of Texarkana.

DEMO VICTORY MOST DECISIVE WITHIN CENTURY

Overpowering Majority in Both Houses; Party Wins New York Legislature, Possibly Pennsylvania Also.

The New Deal, just two years old but grown into a giant under President Roosevelt's care, was shown to have consummated the most devastating off-year political sweep in more than a century, according to Associated Press reports Thursday morning.

In one of the most smashing victories at the polls since the Civil War the democrats appeared to have won nine republican senate seats; retained upwards of 300 members in the house, and elected twenty-one governors as compared with five republicans.

Riding the crest of President Roosevelt's popularity, the democrats swept into control of the New York legislature and may enjoy the same unique position in the Pennsylvania state house of representatives.

In California Upton Sinclair, socialist pamphleteer and his Epic, was swamped under a deluge of votes for his republican opponent, Gov. Frank Merriam. Sinclair was the democratic nominee but did not receive administration support.

AMENDMENTS REJECTED.
All democratic state and national office seekers in Texas, including Tom Connally, junior United States senator, enjoyed overwhelming victories.

But all the eight proposed amendments to the state constitution were defeated. Last tabulations on the amendments were:

Property classification: For, 41,225; against, 84,796.

County organization: For, 41,009; against, 79,679.

Maximum tax: For, 26,812; against, 95,916.

Fee abolition: For, 61,731; against, 84,896.

County consolidation: For, 34,258; against, 84,693.

City charter: For, 34,121; against, 80,097.

City officials terms: For, 39,048; against, 78,613.

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

by BRUCE BARTON

THE FIRST CHURCH TRIAL

A strange thing had happened at Jerusalem. The brothers of Jesus had not believed in Him during His ministry, and at one time thought Him insane, but after His death they became loyal converts. Two of them, Jude and James, wrote short books, which are in the New Testament, and James went to Jerusalem and became very active in the church there. He was a "just man," a phrase that had been used of his father Joseph. It is said that his knees became calloused like those of a camel through his long periods of prayer. He was the head of the conservative faction, and Peter was at first of the same persuasion. James, by reason of his brotherhood to Jesus, had risen above Peter in Jerusalem, and he it was who presided over the first heresy trial in church history—the trial of Paul and Barnabas for baptizing Gentiles without insisting that they conform to the whole Jewish ritual.

It was a decidedly surprising experience for Paul. He had sat in Jerusalem as one of the seventy members of the Sanhedrin, the supreme court of the nation. Now he found himself back in the same city before Peter and James and John in positions not unlike that which he had occupied. He saw "those that were reputed to be somebody," as he rather loftily described them, and said, "whatsoever they were it maketh no matter to me." All the same, he cared greatly for their good-will and the effect of their endorsement.

The story is told in the fifteenth chapter of Acts, one of the great documents in the history of the liberation of the human spirit. Paul's accusers presented their case, and Paul and Barnabas replied, and after a long debate a compromise was arrived at. The church in Jerusalem, consisting entirely of Jews, would stand firm for the old fundamentals, but the churches abroad, being Gentile, might follow a more liberal faith. At the suggestion of James a letter was sent out to the Gentile brethren in the churches which Paul had organized:

Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment: . . .

For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

That ye abstain from meat offered to idols, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

Thus there were to be two kinds of Christianity, the fundamentalist and the liberal, and they were not to quarrel. Christians had been reared as Jews were to be required to keep the whole mosaic law, and those who were not so reared were to be accepted on their love of Jesus and a very simple code of morality.

Next Week: Paul visits Athens.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Laggett were up from Brownwood Wednesday to spend the day.
Mesdames Birdie Hawkins and T. G. Moore of Abilene visited Mrs. M. V. Mitchell Tuesday.
Ross Ferrier left Wednesday for Breckenridge to attend the automobile code meeting for this district.
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mayfield and daughters of Abilene spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Mayfield.
Sheriff W. A. Holt and Mrs. Holt of Ballinger were guests last week of Mrs. Holt's father, J. S. Thomas, and other relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eysen of Tyler arrived Wednesday for a visit with Mrs. Eysen's mother, Mrs. Amy Sears, and sister, Miss Mary Ella Sears.
Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Iva Bragg, visited Sunday in Glen Rose with Mr. Bragg's mother, Mrs. H. H. Hines.
Mrs. Bruno Eckerd and sister, Miss Loyce Campbell, of the Goodmen community, were visitors Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Campbell, of Blair.
Cephas Wozenscraft and Ozie Burns, who have been working in Arizona the past few months, have returned home.
J. D. Ashby was up from Stephenville for a visit Sunday.
Booth Warren, Warren Smith and Jack Lowe were joined by Dave Stevens at Brownwood and the quartette had the privilege of enjoying the Texas-S. M. U. game at Austin Saturday.
When Mrs. S. D. Gamble and daughter, Sis Gamble, returned from Fort Worth, they were accompanied by Mrs. Eugene Nix and son, Wayne, who are now guests in the Gamble home.
Flavil R. Yeakley, minister of the Church of Christ, and Mrs. Yeakley are expected to return Friday from Fort Worth, where Mr. Yeakley went to hear the Frank Norris-Foy E. Wallace series of debates.
Mrs. N. E. Sandlin had as guests for the week-end the following children: W. P. Sandlin of Mineola, Mrs. Susie Harris of Terrell, Mrs. Emma Green of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Estes of Weatherford.
Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mansfield for the week-end were: Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Jarman and daughter, Billie Jean, the former a brother of Mrs. Mansfield, and Mrs. E. F. Jarman, her mother, all of Slaton.
Mrs. Clarence Walden and two daughters, of Hobbs, N. M., returned home Friday after a visit with her mother, Mrs. L. A. Watts, here. Mr. Walden met them at Big Spring, to which place they were accompanied by Mrs. Watts.
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sears, accompanied by their two sons, R. L. and David, were week-end guests of friends here. The Sears, Mr. and Mrs., it will be remembered, operated the Sears Variety store here some few years ago. They are now located at Lubbock.
Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Waggoner of Pritchboro spent the week-end with Major and Mrs. W. M. Elliott and also her brother, D. I. Shelton. Mrs. Waggoner is a cousin of Mrs. Elliott and D. I. Shelton. Mr. Waggoner is district manager of the Texas Oil company of East Texas.
With seven of their children present, Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore enjoyed a home-coming the past week. Included from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Moore and baby from San Diego, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Riley James and two children, James Allen and Joan, of Malakoff; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Moore and baby, Mary Jacqueline, of Port Lavaca, and Monty J. Moore from Texas Tech at Lubbock.

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RURAL SOCIETY

TURNER-PETTY.
Miss Glauys Petty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty, and Mr. Leonard E. Turner, of Stanton, were married in a beautiful ring ceremony Tuesday morning, November 6, at the altar of the Baptist church of Salt Branch, with Rev. W. C. Ashford of Abilene the officiating clergyman for the service.
The church was decorated with pink roses, ferns, large floor vases of orchid winter daisies and yellow chrysanthemums and floor candelabra with white taper candles.
Buster Horton sang the pre-nuptial solo, "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Miss Mary Ella Horton, who also played the wedding march from Mendelssohn and the bridal chorus by Wagner.
The bride looked lovely in a blue and white tunic of moire crepe and blue accessories. Her bouquet was of pink carnations and lace fern. Her going away costume was brown faille crepe with harmonizing accessories. Her only attendant was Miss Evelyn Robertson, who wore blue nelda crepe and carried a bouquet of orchid and yellow chrysanthemums.
The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Turner of Stanton and is very popular in all social activities. Joe Higgins was his best man. After a trip to South Texas the couple will be at home on their farm near Stanton.
Guests for the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Petty of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Hub Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Turner, Virgil Turner, Misses Addie and Wilma Turner, of Stanton, Mrs. S. Taylor of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Byers Petty of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Earl King, Tye, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson, Mrs. Will Hays, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hays, Mr. and Mrs. Nim J. Teaff, Pete Petty, Maxine Frizell, Evelyn Robertson, Wilba Frizell, Buster and Ella Mae Horton.

HALLOWEEN PARTY.
The Busy Bee club and the Salt Branch 4-H club were jointly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Abernathy on Tuesday night, October 30, with a Halloween party.
Guests arrived dressed as witches, ghosts and spooks and the house was decorated with witches, black cats, spooks and Jack o'lanterns.
Fortunes were told with "The Three Cups of Fate," and a number of interesting and lively games were played throughout the evening.
Popcorn balls and apples were served to the following members and their friends: Messrs. and Mesdames T. C. Allen, Evan Allen, H. B. Robertson, Ellis Harris, O. W. Payne and Angus Garvin; Mesdames Rhodes of Abilene and H. W. Hester; Verner, Leroy, Frances, Jack and Mary Alice Hester, Annie D., Evelyn, Christine, John Angus, Juanita and Charlie Ben Garvin, Joyce Hays, Glen and Genevieve Robertson, Francis, Delma, Jimmie and Connie Beth Harris, Allyne, Pauline and Bonnie T. McAninch, Misses Madelon Williams, Laura Mae Jowers, Ruth Pinckley, Wilma Lee, Willard and Jean Payne, Dot Swafford, Jarrett Pinckley, J. E. and Nollie Jaynes, Dorothy Jean Hagler, Maxine, LaVerne, Jo Marie and Marca Jean Abernathy.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.
The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday in the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark, with Mrs. Lige Harris co-hostess. After the president, Mrs. Harris, called the meeting to order, plans were made and a program arranged for Friday night.
Committee chairmen gave reports showing a very successful club year. Members expressed themselves as striving to do better each year.
New officers of the club are: Mrs. M. F. Carey, president; Mrs. Kenneth Pee, vice-president; Miss Mabel Mc-

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GOLAN NEWS

(Omitted Last Week.)
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams and son, Theon, were in Roby Friday evening for the Roby-Snyder football game.
Goodman basketball teams played Golan Friday evening, with Goodman winning both games.
Mrs. Dick Bailey is resting very well from injuries sustained in their car wreck Saturday evening, when returning from the Sylvester-Abilene football game played at Sylvester.
Miss Foster of Noodle is teaching in Mrs. Bailey's place this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook returned last week from an extended trip into Mexico and Arizona.
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Davis are visiting relatives near Waco.
Misses Johnnie Ruth and Jessie Jewel Montgomery of Sylvester spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Thurman Kinsey.
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cook are in New Mexico for an indefinite time. Friends hope Mr. Cox's health will be greatly improved when he returns.
Brother I. E. Biggs, Methodist pastor, preached his last sermon Sunday night before conference convenes in November in Abilene.
Our school is to have a Halloween social Friday night at the school house for the school children.
Several Golan ladies attended the handkerchief shower at Sylvester given by the Sylvester ladies missionary society Monday.
Brother Long, presiding elder of Sweetwater district, will meet at Sylvester for this year's last conference November 1.
Funeral Rites for Smith Baby Here
Funeral services were held at the graveside at Rose Hill cemetery at 1:30 Sunday afternoon for the infant son of Rev. and Mrs. Aubrey Smith of Barstow, with Rev. C. R. Joyner, Baptist pastor here, officiating.
The child was born at the home of his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mattie Richie, but lived only three hours.
The father, Rev. Aubrey Smith, is pastor of the Baptist church at Barstow.

Record of Births.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Horton, Stith, Friday, November 2, 1934.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Stanford, residing near Stith, Monday, November 5, 1934.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker, McCauley, Wednesday, November 7, 1934.

R & R PALACE
Sweetwater
Friday-Saturday
Robert Montgomery in "HIDE-OUT"
Sunday-Monday
Pauline Lord, W. C. Fields, Zasu Pitts in "MRS. WIGGS OF THE CABBAGE PATCH"
Thursday Only
Marian Nixon in "THE LINE-UP"
R. & R. RITZ
Friday-Saturday
Bob Steele in "DEMON FOR TROUBLE"
Monday-Tuesday
Margaret Sullavan in "LITTLE MAN, WHAT NOW?"
Palace opens Sunday 2 p. m. and runs continuous. Complete show after 9 p. m.

Rural Sanitation Work Starts in Communities
With a force of six men, N. J. Tims, of Abilene, supervisor of rural sanitation work in Taylor county, is engaged in Merkel and this section this week and will be carrying on this work in surrounding communities for the next several weeks. Men from the local relief rolls are being used.
At present the Blair area is receiving their attention but Mr. Tims states that any one desiring the installation of pit toilets on their premises or information as to other sanitary work should leave their name at the local relief office or at the Merkel Lumber company.

Honor Roll
WHITE CHURCH SCHOOL.
The following pupils are reported on the honor roll of the White Church school by Miss Bess Baucum, principal, and Miss Ruth Chapman, assistant:
Sixth grade: Homer Tye, Jr., 95.
Fifth grade: Othel Walden, 93; Oneil Thompson, 92; Berdon Conley, 91.
Third grade: Maxine Phillips, 94.
Fourth grade: Rudolph Farmer 91; Melba Shugart, 91.
Second grade: Dorothy Jo Weston, 90; Kenneth Harley, 90.
BUTMAN SCHOOL.
Miss Ruth Weatherred, principal and Miss Eunice Little, assistant of the Butman school, report the following pupils on the honor roll:
Seventh grade: Bernice Lewis, Edith Butman.
Fifth grade: Nell Vonne Butman, Betty Lou Russell.
Fourth grade: Martha Ruth Denton.
Third grade: Ruth Butman, Jack Butman.
Second grade: Delbert Garner, Booth Russom.

MULBERRY SCHOOL.
There were only two pupils of the Mulberry school that reached the standard set for the county honor roll for the first month of school. The pupils were Evelyn McCormick, second grade, with an average of 90, and Eunice Mitchell, ninth grade, with an average of 90. Miss Rosalie Montgomery is the principal and Miss Oneita Spencer, primary teacher, of the Mulberry school.

ARMISTICE DAY

MARCHING FEET, thousands of them now stilled. . . They carried brave souls to their supreme sacrifice. . . We therefore pause again to pay tribute, a sincere and grateful tribute. May gratitude for their sacrifices never cease to exist in this nation. . . In the stress of the present we sometimes fail to remember the trials of the past, those war-torn years of sacrifice of loved ones, losses far greater than of any material standard. Armistice Day is observed each year so that we may not forget. . . Let us ever remember to pay grateful tribute in a sincere acknowledgement that "no greater sacrifice can any man make than he give his life for his fellowmen."

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

BADGERS MAKE GOOD SHOWING IN ROBY GAME

Those Badgers made another good showing Friday even though they were defeated. Standing toe to toe, and fighting it out to the end, for 55 minutes the purple and gold fought on even terms with the strong Roby eleven. Then after Boaz and Tipton had to be taken out, due to injuries, the Lions crashed over for two touchdowns in the last period.

This 13 to 0 defeat saw the end of the Merkel team's winning the district. Roby, by defeating Merkel, remained at the top, along with Roscoe who earlier in the season defeated Merkel.

The passing attack of Roby, which has scored nearly all of their touchdowns, failed to work. Time after time they threw passes only to have them knocked down or intercepted. Both teams had several punts blocked, one of which led to a touchdown for Roby.

Both teams played on even terms throughout the game, there being little difference in the yardages and first downs.

The whole Badger team stood out. Even though they were underdogs they threw several scares into the Roby team. Had the half not ended so soon perhaps there would have been a different story. Merkel had the ball on the Roby five-yard line with a first down when the half ended.

Let's all go to Hamlin Friday and watch Merkel defeat those Pied Pipers.

The Badger Weekly

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior class of '35—Mrs. R. B. Irvin, Sponsor.

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Sports Editor—Lloyd Robertson.
Joke Editor—Joe Earl Lassiter.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Boswell and little daughter, Annie Laura, were week-end guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Annie Boswell, of Abilene.

Mrs. Walker Steadman visited her sister, Mrs. A. C. Keltz, of Vernon Saturday and Sunday, and she and her sister made a visit with their daughters, Misses Mildred and Clarice, who are in school at C. I. A.

Mrs. R. B. McRee and son, Louie, accompanied Mrs. J. M. Williamson of Merkel for a several days visit with relatives at Austin, Cameron, Thorndale and Waco.

Mrs. Robt. D. Martin and son, Robert Scott, of Abilene, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott. They were accompanied by Miss Dorene Scott, who is attending McMurry and who also spent the week-end at home.

Miss Gay West of Merkel visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones have their daughter from Colorado as a guest this week.

On Tuesday night of last week Mrs. O. L. Robinson entertained her Sunday School class with a Halloween party.

Mrs. A. Williamson escorted her Sunday School class to Sweetwater Sunday and spent an enjoyable afternoon.

C. A. Hale and family of Groveton are here on a visit with the former's mother, Mrs. W. H. Hale, for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reed and family of Big Spring visited Mrs. Reed's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finton Boyd, a few days last week.

A. C. Terry, Jr., had the misfortune of getting his arm broken last week on the school grounds, when he accidentally fell into a cistern that was under construction.

Jack Pompey was moved last week from New Mexico to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene. His condition is reported not much improved.

Miss Oneda McWilliams visited her

Our Seniors

Mabel Butman.

Mabel is a good pal to everyone who comes in contact with her. Her brilliant mind absorbs her lessons readily. She takes all her school work with a smile, if it's an "A" or a "C". I am sure that the lower classmates will miss Mabel next year.

Horace Daniels.

Just because Horace is quiet isn't any sign that his classmates look upon him as useless as a dirty wet towel thrown in the corner of the bathroom. He is a good pupil because of his ability to learn easily and well. He usually keeps his knowledge to himself, but does it shine on his report card!

JOKES.

Tduett: "I noticed a number of rats at your house the other day."

Holt: "Yes, we do have a good many rats."

Truett: "Well, why don't you carry something home for them?"

Holt: "Not on your life. If they can't live on what we do, then they can leave."

Peat: "You know, I bought my wife a banana fabric negligee."

Repeat: "A negligee made of banana fabric?"

Peat: "Yea! Just something to slip on, you know."

Ben S.: "Tell me the difference between shillings and pants."

Jack S.: "Well, you can walk down the street without shillings all right."

Woman Passenger: "Young man could you tell me whether this bus will stop at the wharfs or not?"

R. T. Blair: "Well, if it doesn't, there'll certainly be one grand splash, lady."

Woodrow B. (To his mother): "Say Mother, put in lots of that cheese like you gave me yesterday. It's great."

Mrs. Brown: "I'm sorry dear, but it's all gone."

Woodrow B.: "That's a shame. The teacher said if I came back another day with more cheese like that, she'd have to let the whole school out."

Walter P.: "You know I thought that I was going to get to be a witness to a big murder today."

Zerk R.: "Well, what kept you from it?"

Walter P.: "You see, I heard an

STATIC FROM FISH, SOPHS AND JUNIORS

FRESHMEN NEWS.

The Freshmen still have not organized their class. They hope to do so in a few days.

The Freshmen may not be excellent in their work but we think most are doing fairly well.

There were seventy-one cards issued this last six weeks to the 8th grade. Out of a total of grades given, only four were red. The Senior class came next with seven red grades. The Junior class next with nine red grades. Last came the Sophomores with twenty-two red grades.

The Freshmen are proud of their record.

Some of the Freshmen boys are playing football. We think this is grand. Someday we hope they will be great football players.

SOPH NEWS.

I told you we would be back and here we are. We did pretty well the first six weeks but watch our smoke this one. So long!

JUNIOR WIT.

We have some smart Juniors; if you don't believe us just ask:

John Leonard what cherub means. Clifton Bellamy how to spell clamberlynnia.

Miss Patterson how to use SSS. The first American History class if they had a test.

awful noise over in a car, so I went over and peeped in and there they were."

Zerk R.: "There who was?"
Walter P.: "A man trying to fold a road map in its original form."

WE SENIORS.

Everybody stop, look, and listen! More than half of the Senior class were on the honor roll! Suppose we Seniors set up one good goal this year, make the best record any other Senior class ever has! We can do it by each doing his best. We have several advantages over all other Senior classes of Merkel High school. We have more members and more pupils with brilliant minds hungering for knowledge. Come on, Seniors, do your best to set a record this year that our children

Is It True That

Jack Lowe thinks all the girls are crazy about him?

Mr. Irvin thinks Anna Lou is engaged?

Billie Bernice thinks the Pep Squad can get "closer apart"?

Cal plays football for the girls?

Rosemary wants to go to Hamlin next Friday?

Loreta and Mary Helen Mashburn know something about "a little party"?

Vondell really likes his pipe?

Hazel is conceited?

Jr. is as dumb as he seems?

Tracy can make embarrassing talks?

Mary Frances Cook was rather sick Sunday?

Aline has high ambitions?

Oscar has a good way of making up excuses?

Robert Bickley is a ladies' man?

Harold Reese is always pitying himself?

Big Kit played a good game at Roby?

Sarah, Betty, Clara Frances and Mary Helen Lancaster had a good time Friday night?

Bud played four quarters Friday?

Lynn fools people sometimes?

Joe Warren likes all-day suckers?

Cohrene is trying to make herself look sophisticated?

Cal likes his wolf milk?

Some apparently escaped convicts can really play football?

Eelon is rather comical at times?

Jr. likes his new trousers?

Smitty knows how to win him a Coca Cola?

Sarah is between a rock and a hard place?

The Pep Squad is thinking of plans for the banquet? Do your stuff boys!

The football captain plays for the main Pep Squad leader?

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TRAIL'S END

By AGNES LOUISE PROVOST

FIFTH INSTALLMENT.

SYNOPSIS—Three weeks after a cream colored roadster had been wrecked in the sea at the foot of a cliff, a girl calling herself Anne Cushing appears at the desert town Marston. She has bought, sight unseen, a ranch located thirty miles away. Barry Duane, her nearest neighbor and his man, Boone Petry procure a reliable woman for her and in Barry's car, loaded down with supplies, they start across the desert. In Marston her reticence has aroused suspicion.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY:

Barry's chair went back with a rasp. "I'll be with you," he said briefly, and he went back to the corral. It was the same corral where Comet had formerly been kept, and from which he had whickered a shrill welcome whenever Barry had approached. The sound came at that instant, as clear as a bugle call.

"That's not Captain!" They exchanged a quick glance. There were only a dozen horses in the corral. Captain was there, close to a riderless horse.

Without a word the two men examined him. Comet had come by a rough way. Saddle and stirrups, glossy hide and dainty hoofs, they missed nothing in their quick search for evidence.

"The saddle is all right," said Barry presently. His throat felt parched and dry. "It couldn't have slipped. Of course—she might have been thrown." "Comet's awful sure footed," Petry was cautious. "And he don't buck, scarcely ever. See that?" He pointed to a streak on one hoof. "Wherever else he's been, he's come through Pulpit Pass. There ain't another stretch of dirt like that in fifty miles. Better go that way."

Barry was already in the corral. He was saddling Captain, his fingers working with swift precision.

"Ling!" Ling came pattering at the peremptory call.

"Light up every room in the house. The lady at Trail's End is lost."

That was all that he would admit. The illuminated house might be a futile gesture but if she had strayed anywhere near the Perch she might see that blaze of friendly light and take comfort.

"Take a gun," he said to Petry. "Then we can signal to each other. The one who finds her will fire two shots and the other will answer. Single shots will be location signals."

A scurry of hoofs and he was off. They branched into different trails, peering, shouting, calling her name. Only echoes answered.

All that Barry could be sure of was that Anne must have been taking the same route that they had followed on their first ride, since that was the only trail which would be likely to take her through Pulpit Pass. If she were unconscious or worse, he might pass her by, but it was impossible to wait calmly for the light. Just one thing was becoming increasingly clear to him, and that was that the most precious thing in the world to him was Anne Cushing, and that the thought of harm coming to her was unbearable.

He raised his voice in a call. "Anne! Anne!"

The echoes flung it back at him mockingly. "Anne! Anne! Anne!"

Hope had slipped from Anne with the vanishing sun. How many miles she had walked and climbed and stumbled since she had faced that blank wall of rock she had no means of knowing.

And then night had come. Her clothing was torn by thorny branches, and she fairly reeled with fatigue.

"Martha will know that something is wrong," she reminded herself firmly. "Perhaps Comet will go home. Of course he will."

She caught her breath sharply as the realization pressed home. There was no telephone at Trail's End. No car. Martha could do nothing, unless she could catch and saddle one of the old horses and find her way to Eagle's Perch.

A chill wind set the tree tops whispering. Anne shivered and began looking around for a sheltered spot in which to spend the night.

On her left, half-way up the slope, there was a dark blotch which looked like a clump of close-growing evergreens. She made her way toward them cautiously.

There was a tiny clear space inside, shot in and ginged around by those shadowy benches.

One might even feel ground for a comparatively soft spot and lie down,

curled into a snug ball. Anything for rest.

Little by little, sheer weariness overcame her. The rustling sounds of the night lost their menace, and grew fainter and fainter. Anne slept.

It was not a peaceful sleep. Now and then she stirred restlessly, tossed, sighed, and lay still again. A voice drifted down on the wind, calling "Anne! Anne!" but she did not hear it. From somewhere in the distance came a faint crack of sound, and from somewhere nearer by a single shot rang clear.

The sharp sound brought her to her feet, stumbling with sleep and fatigue. Another sound was beating lightly and steadily against her ears. The click of a horse's hoofs on rock. Going away from her!

"Anne! Anne!"

"I'm coming! Barry!"

She began to run, slipping and sliding down the slope, smooth with fallen pine needles, forgetful of the impetus of her own rush and the sheer-dropping ledge at the foot.

That was when Barry saw her. There were, after all, to be more poignant moments in Barry Duane's life, but none that could so shrink time into its racing seconds.

Through the scattered pines he had caught sight of a small running figure, racing in headlong haste down a slippery incline. Going too fast, if she were going to pull up well inside the ledge. . . . God! if she should go over!

His heart seemed to stand still as Captain's long legs pounded over the intervening space. He put Captain to the very edge, thrusting in between. Barry heard her say "Oh!" in a horrified voice, and caught her with one arm as he swung down.

"Anne, darling!"

"Oh, Barry!" She clung to him, burying her face tightly against his shoulder. "I knew you would come soon!"

"Of course I'd come. There, it's all over."

"But I—I forgot the ledge, and then I couldn't stop. Only I'd been asleep, and I woke up and heard you going on—"

"I know. But you're safe now, precious. Everything's all right. Everything—"

He had both arms around her now. For a moment she lay there, close and still. Then with a little quiver she raised her head, and her hands slid away from their drowning clutch of him.

"I ought to be scolded instead of comforted." She straightened up and laughed shakily. "If you hadn't come racing back in time, Barry—"

"If I hadn't, life wouldn't mean much to me now."

She looked up at him with wide dark eyes, heavy with fatigue, and her head move in a faint negation. He felt her slipping away from him, and he did not know just why.

It was no time for lover's importunities. Barry said "Steady, boy," to Captain and reached for something.

"I'd better signal Petry that the lost is found."

Two shots cracked and echoed. The answer came from far on the right. One shot and a pause, and then a staccato outburst of rejoicing. Barry laughed.

"Boone is happy. Now we're going back to Trail's End, and I am going to carry you. Here, put this on first."

"This" was his own coat.

"I won't!" "Orders!"

He bent down and swept her up in front of him, swinging her across so that she lay like a child in his arms. She looked up to protest, but already they had started. Once he looked down and smiled, and after that she did not look up again. Barry loved her, and

she couldn't—she couldn't. . . . She lay passively against him for mile after mile, with her cheek pressing his shoulder and a dull ache in her heart.

The next morning was an awakening to strange aches and unsuspected bruises. Martha ordered her to stay in bed.

At noon the autocar permitted her to get up. Shortly after lunch Barry appeared, riding Captain and leading an unabashed Comet.

"Do you think you can forgive the little devil enough to give him another chance?"

"Of course. It was my fault that he started off in the first place. He's an imp, but I do love him."

That might have given him an opening, for light love-making at least, but Barry let it pass. His manner gave no suggestion that he remembered his checked ardor of the night before. Anne wandered over toward Comet to avoid that new look in his eyes.

The pinto was standing dutifully where he had been left, merely giving an impatient stamp now and then to remind them that motion was his business and he was all ready to go.

"Look at him! He doesn't know how to be ashamed, Rascal, you just watch when we start out again! I won't get out of the saddle for a second without dropping those reins over your nose."

Barry watched her as she stroked the ingratiating muzzle.

"Then the morale is all right?"

"Oh, yes, for riding." She looked at him with a very small smile. "I still think that mountain hiking is a much over-rated sport, but that won't last."

"Then how about my coming down for you in a few days as soon as you're feeling yourself again, for an all-day trip and lunch at the Perch?"

"All day? What about work?"

"What you need now is play. Besides, if you won't come I shan't have any excuse to play around myself," he smiled.

Why shouldn't she? One didn't stop seeing a man because of a little fragmentary love-making.

"I'd really love to. Thursday?"

"Thursday, I'll come down for you right after breakfast. Now I shall have to get back. I'll put Comet in the corral first."

"Barry!"

"Yes?" He stopped and looked back, his eyes warming.

"I haven't even attempted to thank you. You understand, don't you?"

He gathered her hands into both of his and held them close together.

"I don't want to be thanked. Just seeing you back here ought to be thanks enough for anybody. . . . Good-bye."

He gave her fingers a quick squeeze and let them go. Then he was off with Comet to the corral.

They did not skirt the desert this time, but turned directly into the hills, until Anne had lost all sense of direction.

Late in the morning they were standing at the mouth of the pass, with tumbled ridges, and beyond the ridges another blank stretch of desert sand and sparse vegetation. It

lay in a rough triangle, bounded on two sides by hills.

"It looks like a little Junipero," Anne exclaimed. "A wicked little Junipero."

"That's the Pinos Valley, but it's larger than it looks. If you were down there you might find an occasional surveyor's stake or even the remains of a shack or two. That's all there is of the town of Duane. Ever heard of it?"

"No, I haven't."

"I'll tell you after we get up to the Perch. There's nothing more to see down there—it's just as dead as it looks."

His voice sounded hard. That was unusual for Barry. They turned their horses and went back through the pass again.

Presently Anne caught a sapphire gleam.

"Oh, beautiful! Is that Eagle Lake?"

"I knew you'd like it."

It lay like a jewel at their feet. At the head of it, topping the pine-carpeted slope, was a two-storied house of peeled logs, built on broad generous lines.

"Welcome to Eagle's Perch," Barry swung off quickly and held up both hands for her. "Make yourself at home while I put up the horses. Oh, Ling!" This as a bland yellow face appeared, hovering back of an open door. "See that Miss Cushing gets anything she wants. Miss Anne Cushing, this is Ling Foo, the best all-around cook west of the Atlantic. We'll eat on the veranda, Ling."

"All, boss." Ling grinned briefly at the compliment, said "How do" politely. Anne felt a bright and speculative eye taking her measure.

"I shan't need anything, Ling Foo."

"All, Missy." The bright eyes were

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benevolent. Ling ducked his head and padded softly away, and Anne was free to explore.

She looked around the big living room with a faint sense of surprise. It was spacious and restful, furnished with a man's idea of comfort, but the things in it had never been bought in Marston, nor even in the more up and coming county seat. There were books and magazines scattered around. Some of the books looked technical and dry, others were more promising.

"Like it?" That was Barry's voice behind her.

"How could I help liking it? It's perfect."

"That's a large order," he laughed.

"My uncle was a collector of Indian rugs and things in a small way,

and he picked up the Spanish stuff, too."

They went out, wandering over scented pine needles, down to the lake and up the slope again, answering the mellow music of a Chinese Gong. Barry chuckled.

"You've made an impression on Ling. Usually he just sticks his head out of the door and yells 'Aleddy!'"
(Continued Next Week.)

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RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$ 50,518.51
Loans secured by real estate	2,300.00
Overdrafts	624.39
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	3,816.40
Banking House	2,700.00
Furniture and Fixtures	800.00
Cash in bank	5,031.23
Due from approved reserve agents	157,834.48
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	4,704.19
TOTAL	\$228,229.21

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	11,099.93
Reserve for interest	1.53
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	154,895.66
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of October, A. D. 1934.
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Mademoiselle from Armentiers,
Parle Vous,
Mademoiselle from Armentiers,
She hadn't been kissed for forty years,
Hinky, dinky, Parle Vous.

The French national anthem—you know, twenty years ago we had a sure 'nuff depression but the atrocities of a World War crowded it off the front page. Abraham Lincoln is credited with the following quotation: "This, too, shall pass away." . . . Great Man.

Gentlemen—Lend me thine ears, no longer need your sun and rain protector (the rain is superfluous) maybe I better just say, your "one and only" hat be entrusted to the careless hands of utter strangers in foreign parts . . . No Sir! This week RENFRO AND ALLDAY are installing a Rhodes National Hatter for the express purpose of keeping your lids at home. Seriously, this is an exceptional service to be had for the first time in Merkel and one that should certainly pay these men for their investment, steep as it is . . . I know for a positive fact that men's hats can be cleaned and re-blocked many times over and absolutely look as good as new—So Help Me!

Gels—as a pre-winter beauty hint, try one of NOMA LEE'S "All-Occasion" Coiffures, ("Sets" to you.) She positively excels in the adaptability of current hair styles to the personality . . . Now who doesn't long for a new hair dress? Our features, like our relatives, are just wished off on us, but a change of hair can DO things to one . . . One mode she describes as leaving the ears "enticingly kissable" . . . another, with "Wedding Ring" ringlets . . . I'm gonna try both of them . . . just in case the first one doesn't take.

There is nothing new under the sun wasn't written of this day and age—I found a real boon to suffering humanity at BULLOCK HARDWARE COMPANY—arriving this week is the new oil heating system operating on such an economical basis as to bring the old morale that has been languishing in the doldrums, out for a real airing. This winter the utility nightmare need not dog your footsteps. Superflex Heating Stoves are the objects of my enthusiasm, set up wherever there is a good flue connection, operated on fuel oil, they offer clean, dependable, economical heat for residences, schools, shops and places of business. What I personally want to add is that they are the best looking

things finished in walnut procelain enamel in MOST attractive models AND they are ODORLESS. Go in and see for yourself—don't be afraid of Mr. Cook selling you one . . . you'll be sold on the idea all by yourself, and no foolin', my good people, it's gonna be as cold as blitzen one of these here mornings.

Speaking of real luxuries, I have one of the nicest services to offer my feminine readers (both of 'em). By calling 57 you can have MRS. R. J. MILLER and her Paul D. Newton Supplies at your house in a very short time. Each week she sends in an order to this dependable house for cosmetics, food specials, household needs, home remedies and this month has a most tempting five-cent sale on cosmetics . . . For the price of one article and five cents added you can get two—Isn't that marvelous? You should see her line of Christmas cards . . . it's getting about that time.

I'm very happy to call your attention to one of the finest assets any town can have—A modern, sanitary dairy, owned and operated by the Douglass Brothers. Here, every cow has passed the State Tubercular Test, which in itself is a wealth of satisfaction, for no mother minimizes the importance of milk in the diet of her family. I've so often heard John discuss the sleek appearance of their graded stock, the sanitary conditions of their barns and the modernness of their equipment is a revelation each visit, which brings to mind their very clever slogan, "Milk untouched by women's hands." Dependable delivery to the minute is only one of your assurances when buying from DOUGLASS DAIRY. Call 9049.

CURLS—and rumors of curls! No matter if you're going to Arlington Downs to celebrate the Armistice or just a family dinner, you'll want to look your best and any well groomed woman knows a good permanent is her most important asset; she chooses her permanent with discrimination . . . that is why Maurine at the TINNER BEAUTY SHOP is counsellor for permanents to so many of our smart women. We've just about given you time to recondition your subburned tresses which makes you ready for the thrill of the hour, "A Permanent Special." If you haven't—perish the thought! For this month Maurine is giving Croquignoles. Spirals and even Combinations at vastly reduced prices. Go in and let her advise you . . . Mi-thinks you'll find her pre-Thanksgiving prices another reason to be thankful this year.

SOCIETY

FARROW-LARGENT.
A wedding of social eminence was solemnized Thursday afternoon when Miss Lou Largent of this place became the bride of Gerald C. Farrow of Abilene. The ceremony was read at 2 p. m. in the church parlors of St. Paul's Methodist church, the Rev. O. P. Clark officiating.

Miss Lou Largent, as the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, nationally known cattleman, has been socially prominent; possessing a blond type of beauty, personality and charm, she has retained her social prestige with lovable graciousness of character. An expert horsewoman, she was twice elected to sponsor her home town at the Stamford Cowboy reunion and once at the Legion rodeo, Abilene. Lou obtained her education at C. I. A., Denton, and for the past two years has been employed in the Farmers State bank.

The groom received his degree in law from Cumberland university, Lebanon, Tenn. At present he is salesman for the Humble Oil and Refining Co. Gerald is the son of Mrs. J. M. Mayfield of Merkel. He is well liked here and much respected as one of the rising young business men and The Mail joins friends in expressing sincere congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Farrow are at home at 1865 Hickory street, Abilene.

A number of delightful "In Honor" courtesies are in prospect for the bride this week.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.
The Fortnightly Study club made its initial effort Monday evening in the feature of a double header, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown extending hospitality. Highlight of the evening was the unanimous vote for membership in the Federation of Women's clubs. To procure which we were forced to double up on our study course . . . Hence, the two lessons in one evening.

Miss Helen Patterson was leader for the first lesson with papers prepared by Mesdames F. C. McFarland and Henry West assistants. The second lesson was led by Miss Stell Ledger with topics discussed by Misses Dora Garoutte and Julia Martin.

The course is on South American Colonization and of much historical value. A five minute parliamentary drill by Mrs. W. T. Sadler was also highly beneficial. Members answering roll call were Mesdames Gardner, Lusby, Pearson, Jones, Gamble, Burgess, West, Diltz, Grimes, McFarland, Sadler, Sheppard, Brown, Irvin, Misses Dora Garoutte, Stell Ledger, Helen Patterson, Johnnie Sears, Julia Martin, Christine Collins. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. R. A. Burgess.

HALLOWEEN WATCH.
A most enjoyable evening was spent on Halloween eve at the newly constructed lodge on the John Sears ranch when Miss Johnnie Sears invited guests out for a chili supper. Weird Jack O' Lanterns and an open fire produced a typical Halloween setting for the chili supper, which was followed by apple pie and black coffee. Games and stunts provided diversion for Messrs and Mesdames R. B. Irvin, R. O. Pearson, J. O. Lusby, Misses Helen Patterson, Evelyn Curb, Johnnie Sears, Stell Ledger, Messrs. Ralph Duke, Wrenn Durham and Herbert Dennis.

VOTA-VITA CLASS PARTY.
Members of the Vota Vita Sunday School class of the Baptist church were most charmingly entertained on Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Bill Fugat and Mrs. Warren Higgins were co-hostesses, entertaining in the church parlors. The Halloween season was given emphasis in the social hour that followed the devotional and prayer.

At the refreshment hour delicious pumpkin pie, whipped cream and black coffee were served to Miss Lassiter, Mrs. Warnken and Mrs. Ribble of Abilene, who were visitors, and to the following class members: Mesdames Petty, Wilson, Joyner, Slayden, Higgins, Gibson, Rister, Easter, Gilbreth, Smith, Jinkens and the hostesses, Mesdames Fugat and Higgins.

KING'S DAUGHTERS PARTY.
The church parlors of the Methodist church were opened Tuesday afternoon to members of the King's Daughters Sunday School class with Mesdames Russell and Patterson the hostesses.

The opening song, "Help Somebody Today," with Mrs. Hollingsworth pianist, was followed by a devotional by Mrs. L. A. Watts and prayer by Mrs. Armstrong.

After a business session the committee, Mesdames Hale, Jinkens and Williams, presented the following program: A prayer on "Forgiveness"

CHURCH SERVICES

Church Visitation Group Here Tuesday

Following the custom established last year of a church-to-church visitation, a committee of three pastors from the Abilene presbytery of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., will join Rev. R. A. Walker, the pastor here, for a service at 6 p. m. Tuesday of next week. The committee includes Rev. S. F. Collins, Cross Plains; Rev. J. W. Joiner, Winters, and Rev. J. T. Bryant, Cisco.

These church-to-church visitations will take place in all the churches of this denomination throughout the United States, and this same committee will visit the Zion church Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School 10 a. m. This will be the only service at our church Sunday, as this is the pastor's day at Baird. Everyone is urged to be prompt in arriving so that the Sunday School may be dismissed in time to attend service at one of the other churches.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Our pastor, Rev. C. R. Joyner, preached a wonderful sermon Sunday morning, taken from the first seven verses of the 50th chapter of 1 Samuel. He brought a message to us showing that the test of a man's religion is when the crisis of life comes.

We were indeed delighted to have our Sunday School superintendent, W. J. Largent, with us Sunday. While we can have him only part of the time, he is an inspiration to each one of us. He will soon go to Chicago with his cattle.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. B. T. S. at 6:30 p. m. W. M. U. at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

BAPTIST Y. W. A.
Monday afternoon Emma Joyner had charge of an interesting program.

was read by Mrs. Cox and Little Misses Gerda Lou Pee and Bettie Jane Gates entertained with readings. Interesting features were: the naming of the Books of the New Testament by Laverne Jinkens and a talk on temperance by Miss Dora Garoutte.

Refreshments of sandwiches, spiced cookies and tea were served to Mesdames Frazier, Harkrider, Curb, Ellis, Golladay, Patterson, Russell, Watts, McSpadden, Cox, Turney, Rainbolt, Armstrong, Black, Pee, Dry, Hollingsworth, Hale, Durham, Williams and Jinkens and Miss Garoutte and the hostesses.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.
November the seventh was certainly a gala occasion for young Billy Morris Baze when his fifth birthday was commemorated in a celebration that was full of thrills. On Wednesday afternoon his mother, Mrs. Earl Baze, invited a number of his young friends out for an afternoon of games. Many lovely birthday gifts were presented the little host and kodak pictures made of the group.

At the refreshment hour the beautiful white birthday cake, topped with its five pink candles, was cut and served to the following children: James Griswold, Jerry Allen, Bobby Brown, Tiny Brown, Jackie Boaz Smith, Dorothy Nell Haynes, Lora Pearl Haynes and Helen Haynes, Fred Lee and Harold Hughes, Little Johnnie Wheeler and Marilyn Petty.

Another group of youngsters were entertained in the evening in the same delightful manner; they were Bobby Glen Amason, Donald and Billie Bob Brabbin, Leroy Teaff, Dean Bigham, Mary Bigham, Ed Bigham, Glenn Teaff, and children from the families of Ernest Teaff, Theo Newton and Dee Teaff, whose names the writer was not able to procure.

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Those taking part were Dot Swafford, Pauline Joyner and Jessie Margaret Berry. Pauline Joyner and Frances Largent sang a duet, which completed the program.

After the program, Sarah Shepard called a business session and plans were made for the Mothers-Daughters banquet to be held Thanksgiving.

METHODIST CHURCH.
Sunday will be the last service of the conference year. It will also be Armistice Day. We would like for it to be a great day in Sunday School and preaching services. Let's come to Sunday School and stay for preaching and all rejoice together. Vote your thanks Sunday, that we are not in war, and that we have the church of God in our community by being present.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Let's make it 300 Sunday; we can, will you come?

Preaching 11 a. m. Come and you will help yourself as well as you will help the church, and your pastor will be glad to have you, and you will help him.

Young people's service at 6:30 p. m. There was a fine group last Sunday; so come all you young people to this service.

We will have at the 7:15 hour a service in keeping with Armistice Day. We will sing patriotic songs and have a short message on "World Peace." Come and worship with us Sunday.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
There were 728 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, as compared with 733

on the previous Sunday. A year ago 479 were present, due to cold weather.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Brother Yeakley is away attending the debate in Fort Worth at this time, but will return in time to preach Sunday morning and evening, thus giving us the usual services for the week as follows:

Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's Day: preaching 11 a. m.; young people's program 6:30 p. m. and preaching 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening as usual.

A welcome awaits all who come to these services.

The Elders.
NAZARENE CHURCH.
Sunday closed our work here for this year. The writer and Mrs. Mayhall and Sister Stapleton, the delegates, left for Wellington Tuesday, November 6.

Our last two services were among the best of the year. We were favored throughout the day with special singing rendered by our married daughter, Mrs. C. A. Gardner, of Eula, and Jessie Lee, our youngest daughter.

We will be back for our regular services Sunday if possible.
J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.
Preaching Saturday night, Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m.

Brother Murdock preached Saturday night and Sunday night and Brother Calvin Rister Sunday morning. Brother Johnny Lovell preached at 4 p. m.

Brother Rister of Tye will preach for us Saturday night and Sunday at 11 o'clock and at night. Our Sunday School is increasing every week. Come and be with us.

R. C. Reagh, Supt.

Will Preach at Noodle.
W. G. Cypert will preach at the Church of Christ at Noodle at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning. Everyone is invited to hear him.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Members of Woodmen Circle Will Honor National President

More than twenty towns from throughout West Texas will be represented when officers and members of the Woodmen Circle gather in Lubbock Saturday for a special meeting, honoring the society's national president, Mrs. Dora Alexander Talley, Omaha, Nebr. The Merkel degree team will take prominent part in the meeting.

Other local members who plan to attend are: Lila Res, guardian; Sallie Gant, captain; Lillian Mathews, Mary Click, Iris Garrett, Alice Wallace, Deta Callahan, Lena Webb, Sallie Mathews, Mary Seago, Ruth Coats, Nancy Polley, Lillie Barnett, Maurine White, Luna White and Vertie Patterson.

Plans have been made for two sessions, the first at 2 o'clock and the second at 8 p. m. The evening meeting will be open to the public. A banquet will be served at 6:30.

Besides the national president the following distinguished officers are expected to be present: Mrs. Etta Davidson, Houston, national director and state manager; Mrs. Mae Scotten, El Paso, state president; Mrs. Jannie B. Garner, Colorado, Mrs. Jennie Lindbloom and Mrs. Georgia Eastum, Amarillo, and Mrs. Laura Ferguson, Fort Stockton, district managers; Miss Faye O'Bar, Abilene, state attendant; Mrs. Tressie Goldsticker, Stamford, field representative, and R. E. Miller, Dallas, state manager of the Woodmen of the World.

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Sock Supper at Union Ridge Nets Sum of \$28

The sock supper sponsored by the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club Friday night netted a few cents over \$28, it is reported, with a few incidental expenses yet to be deducted. Popcorn, pies and cakes were sold, also a quilt, which was awarded to Mrs. Clarence Horton. The best looking girl and the ugliest man were also designated.

Socks were sold at good prices, also prize packages from the merchants of Merkel. Those helping the club were: Merkel Drug, Hamm Drug, Bullock Hardware, Barrow Furniture, Reid Variety, Max Mellinger, Bragg's, West Co., Jones Dry Goods, and the following grocers: Nathan Wood, McDonald, Peters Red & White, A. R. Booth, Case, West and Carson's. The club, through its president, Mrs. W. A. Harris, and the committee, consisting of Mrs. Pierce Horton and Miss Marybel Douglas, wish to extend their thanks to each of these stores.

The proceeds will enable the club to send more than one delegate to the Short Course next year.

Mrs. Turner Attends Funeral of Niece

Mrs. E. L. Turner, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Margarette Turner, and son, E. L. Turner, Jr., and wife, went to Bomarton Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Turner's niece, Miss Susie Louise Shaw, age 17. Miss Shaw was the daughter of Mrs. W. S. Shaw, of Bomarton, a sister of Mrs. E. L. Turner, Sr.

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