

THE MERKEL MAIL

OL. 45—NO. 45.

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1934.

On the "Broadway of America"

5c PER COPY

SCHEDULE FOR FIRST ROUNDS IS COMPLETED

6 District High School Grid Champs Open State Title Saw-Off This Week; Ranger vs Amarillo Saturday.

The Texas Interscholastic league's 15th annual championship football race gets down to the serious business of developing a 1934 champion Friday and Saturday of this week when 16 Nass A district winners play the first round of bi-district eliminations.

The spotlight will be on Amarillo Saturday where the invading Ranger Bulldogs battle the Golden Sandies. Amarillo preserved a tradition of never having lost on Butler field by scoring a 13-6 victory last week over Pampa to cinch the district one championship.

The bi-district schedule:

FRIDAY'S GAMES.

Dallas Highland Park, district 6, vs. Vernon, district 5, at Vernon.

Longview, district 10, vs. Greenville, district 9, at Greenville.

Corpus Christi, district 16, vs. San Antonio Jefferson, district 15, at San Antonio.

Athens, district 11, vs. Corsicana, district 12, at Corsicana.

SATURDAY'S GAMES.

Dallas Tech, district 8, vs. Masonic Home, district 7, at Fort Worth.

Ranger, district 2, vs. Amarillo, district 1, at Amarillo.

Big Spring, district 5, vs. El Paso, district 4, at El Paso.

W. J. Davis, district 14, vs. Houston C. Davis, district 13, at Houston.

ROBY VS WINTERS.

Moby's Lions, winners of district VB, and the Winters Blizzards, champions of 16-B, will meet at Winters Friday afternoon of this week in a bi-district game.

Bud Butcher, winners of district VB, and the Winters Blizzards, champions of 16-B, will meet at Winters Friday afternoon of this week in a bi-district game.

THE SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE.

The reigning Baylor 32 to 0, the Rice 21 to 0, and the Southwest conference.

Other results of final week's games: Texas 13, A. & M. 0.

S. M. U. 19, T. C. U. 0.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

The benefit game between Ex-High school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weather Thanksgiving day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Only 10 and 15 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used to help buy sweaters for Badger lettermen of 1934.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

The benefit game between Ex-High school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weather Thanksgiving day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Only 10 and 15 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used to help buy sweaters for Badger lettermen of 1934.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

The benefit game between Ex-High school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weather Thanksgiving day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Only 10 and 15 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used to help buy sweaters for Badger lettermen of 1934.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

The benefit game between Ex-High school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weather Thanksgiving day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Only 10 and 15 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used to help buy sweaters for Badger lettermen of 1934.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

The benefit game between Ex-High school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weather Thanksgiving day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Only 10 and 15 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used to help buy sweaters for Badger lettermen of 1934.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

The benefit game between Ex-High school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weather Thanksgiving day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Only 10 and 15 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used to help buy sweaters for Badger lettermen of 1934.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

The benefit game between Ex-High school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weather Thanksgiving day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Only 10 and 15 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used to help buy sweaters for Badger lettermen of 1934.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

The benefit game between Ex-High school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weather Thanksgiving day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Only 10 and 15 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used to help buy sweaters for Badger lettermen of 1934.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

The benefit game between Ex-High school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weather Thanksgiving day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Only 10 and 15 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used to help buy sweaters for Badger lettermen of 1934.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

The benefit game between Ex-High school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weather Thanksgiving day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Only 10 and 15 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used to help buy sweaters for Badger lettermen of 1934.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

The benefit game between Ex-High school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weather Thanksgiving day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Only 10 and 15 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used to help buy sweaters for Badger lettermen of 1934.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

The benefit game between Ex-High school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weather Thanksgiving day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Only 10 and 15 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used to help buy sweaters for Badger lettermen of 1934.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

The benefit game between Ex-High school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weather Thanksgiving day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Only 10 and 15 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used to help buy sweaters for Badger lettermen of 1934.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

The benefit game between Ex-High school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weather Thanksgiving day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Only 10 and 15 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used to help buy sweaters for Badger lettermen of 1934.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

The benefit game between Ex-High school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weather Thanksgiving day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Only 10 and 15 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used to help buy sweaters for Badger lettermen of 1934.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

The benefit game between Ex-High school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weather Thanksgiving day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Only 10 and 15 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used to help buy sweaters for Badger lettermen of 1934.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

The benefit game between Ex-High school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weather Thanksgiving day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Only 10 and 15 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used to help buy sweaters for Badger lettermen of 1934.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

The benefit game between Ex-High school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weather Thanksgiving day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Only 10 and 15 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used to help buy sweaters for Badger lettermen of 1934.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

The benefit game between Ex-High school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weather Thanksgiving day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Only 10 and 15 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used to help buy sweaters for Badger lettermen of 1934.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

The benefit game between Ex-High school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weather Thanksgiving day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Only 10 and 15 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used to help buy sweaters for Badger lettermen of 1934.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

The benefit game between Ex-High school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weather Thanksgiving day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Only 10 and 15 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used to help buy sweaters for Badger lettermen of 1934.

Benefit Game Re-Set For Friday This Week

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

A fire of explosive origin in a Hamilton apartment house early Monday resulted in Mrs. Frank Hafley being burned to death.

Ranger was chosen as the next place of meeting at the annual convention of American Legionnaires of the 17th district, held at Abilene.

W. O. Huggins, editor of the Houston Chronicle and former chairman of the Texas state democratic executive committee, died unexpectedly Tuesday at his home in Houston.

Elsie Mosely, high school student, suffered a gashed arm when he plunged his fist through a window to aid 300 students in escaping from one of two blazing schoolhouses at Axtell, near Waco.

A buffalo, rolling in fat and weighing about 1500 pounds, was shot and killed near Kerrville by Harold Cheney in the rugged hill country. It was the first buffalo killed in that country in 75 years.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, who is now serving his twentieth year as pastor of the First Baptist church in Abilene, was elected for his second term as chairman of the executive board of the Baptist General convention of Texas Tuesday.

C. N. Shaver, superintendent of the Huntsville public schools, was elected new president of the State Teachers association at the Galveston meeting. San Antonio extended an invitation for the next convention, decision for which is to be made by the executive committee.

When a civilian pilot's plane stalled at a low altitude, spun to earth and crashed into a dry earth tank near Brownfield, three occupants were fatally injured: Manuel Klein, of Littlefield, the pilot; John Alexander, of Frederick, Okla., and James Benton, living near Brownfield.

L. Van Perkins, former state commander of the American Legion, who was convicted in federal court at Waco last week on 12 counts charging forgery of payees' names to veterans' administration checks and altering checks, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment and fined \$100.

W. J. Chesney of Colorado City was installed as grand master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters Tuesday and George W. Clappert of Galveston took office as grand high priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, as these organizations made way for the meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas at Waco.

county moneys at Abilene, was here Saturday. The face of this popular fat man in Merkel makes us feel much at home and reminds us of bygone days.

Miss Elizabeth Swafford, who has been visiting her brother, Luther Swafford and family of Dallas, returned home last week.

H. C. Allen, sheriff of Tom Green county, was in our city Monday morning following the trail of a horse thief.

Mrs. Gladys Parmelly, wife of Le Roy Parmelly, died at the family home Thursday evening from typhoid fever.

Surviving the deceased is a husband and two small children, Clara and Loyd; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Winters; sisters, Mesdames H. L. Propst, J. J. Russell, Walker and Laura Winter, brothers, Lit, Jinks and Hodge Winter.

ORR-JONES.

The first news of the marriage of Mr. Henry Orr and Miss Jessie Jones of Carbon reached this city Thursday morning when the Texas & Pacific train No. 5 arrived from the east. Mr. and Mrs. Orr stopped from the train and announced their marriage of the evening before at 8 o'clock in Abilene.

TAYLOR COUNTY FARM CENSUS GROUP NAMED

Congressman Blanton Delegates Committee of Six to Pick Enumerators; Census to Begin January 2, 1935.

Taylor county's six federal farm census enumerators were picked Tuesday morning by a committee appointed for the purpose by Congressman Thomas Blanton and the names are being certified to him for final approval.

The committee, after hearing 26 applicants, made the following unanimous decision for enumerators: B. F. Mayes, Abilene; Jack Hammonds, Buffalo Gap; Roy Stevenson, Tuscola; Alton Roberts, Guion; John Shannon, Merkel; T. A. Burford, Ovalo.

First qualification for appointment was that the applicant be a farmer, engaged in farming as his sole source of income.

Members of the committee making the selection were James P. Stinson, county democratic chairman; Bernard Hanks, Abilene Reporter-News; G. Fisk, Abilene Times; Thomas Durham, former Merkel newspaper man; M. G. Jenkins, Tuscola Reporter; Ocie Hunt, Bradshaw banker.

The farm census will begin on January 2, 1935. District supervisors for West Texas were announced last Saturday from Washington. Taylor county is a part of district 8, headquarters of which are at Eastland, with Ernest E. Wood of Eastland, as supervisor.

Buys 140 Head Cattle Here and at Trent

Taylor county stockmen wishing to effect speedy sale of cattle listed in the government's emergency buying program were invited to bring their stock to the Texas & Pacific railway pens in Abilene Thursday.

Dr. L. J. Louraine, new veterinary for the county, and Tom H. Parker, new appraiser, who were to be at the site all day Thursday, indicated readiness to accept all cattle brought there which met specifications.

Approximately 140 head were bought at Merkel and Trent Tuesday.

With the federal farm administration following purchase of 225,000 additional head in Texas, County Agent Heald is hopeful that Taylor county's allotment will be increased. A total of about 5,500 head are listed for sale, against the quota of 1,500.

Jurors Reconvene to Probe Stabbing Case

Grand jurors for the current term of the 104th district court, who reconvened Wednesday morning, were to continue their investigations Thursday.

The session is the third for the body since court opened October 29. A total of 28 indictments were returned in the two previous sessions of the investigating body, of which T. N. Carswell of Abilene is foreman.

The case of Ellis Carmichael, Abilene negro charged with murder in connection with the fatal stabbing of J. E. Walls, was under investigation, it was learned.

Christmas Holiday Period Announced

Christmas holidays in the public schools here will begin with the close of school Friday afternoon, December 21, and the schools will re-open Monday morning, December 31, allowing a full week's holiday in between.

Dates for the holidays were set at the regular monthly meeting of the school board Tuesday night.

Light Snow, Rain Visits This Section

A little snow that melted as rapidly as it fell accompanied a drizzling rain Thanksgiving morning, yielding about a quarter of an inch additional moisture, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale.

Previous rainfall for the year totaled 12 1-4 inches; with a quarter added, the figure is now raised to 12 1-2 inches.

OUTLINES PLAN OF VOTING ON BANKHEAD ACT

Election to Be Held December 14 in Voting Precincts of County; Qualifications of Eligible Voters Explained.

At the general meeting of farmers and landowners held at Abilene Monday night, County Agent C. Metz Heald explained the voting procedure governing the election to be held December 14 on the question of continuing the Bankhead cotton control act in force for another year.

Elections will be held in the various voting precincts in Taylor county and the one in Abilene will be held at the county agent's office. Polls will open at 8 a. m. and close 6 p. m.

"The central question involved is whether farmers feel that the adjustment of cotton production under the voluntary contracts is sufficient to meet the requirements of the present emergency or whether they want the mechanism afforded in the Bankhead act as a supplementary control," according to A. L. Smith, special agent in cotton for the extension service of A. & M. college.

"An eligible voter," Mr. Smith said, "is any person who signed a 1934 and 1935 cotton acreage reduction contract, or any one who is or was eligible to receive tax exemption certificates in 1934. Any other person is eligible who can present proof that he owns and has a right to produce cotton on a cotton farm or that he has made arrangements to produce cotton on a cotton farm in 1935 by entering a lease or share-cropping agreement."

Lighted Xmas Tree And Program Planned

Two principal items of business of the Lions bi-monthly luncheon Tuesday at the American Cafe were perfecting of plans to attend the banquet being arranged by Ranger Lions in honor of International Lion President Vincent C. Hascall on Tuesday evening, December 11, and appointment of committees for recognition of Christmas locally.

Bill Haynes, Yates Brown and Fred Hughes are a committee to arrange a Christmas tree and illuminations therefor, (but no gifts,) while J. O. Lusby, Charlie Jones and Roy Reid were named as a second committee on program. Date for the Christmas program was set for Saturday night, December 22.

Stage All Set For Pep Squad Banquet

The Pep Squad banquet, finale to the High School football season, is set for Friday evening of this week at 7 o'clock. The banquet is to be held in the Fulwiler building on Front street.

Following the invocation by Herbert Patterson, Miss Billie Bernice Gambill is to preside as toastmistress for a series of toasts and responses to "Badgerettes of '35," "Badgers of '34," "Badgers of '35," and "Coach," with an entertainment program of songs and readings.

Wilkes Little of the Abilene public schools will be the speaker for the occasion.

Funeral Rites Friday For C. C. Bowles, 86

C. C. Bowles, 86, retired physician, died at 6:45 Friday morning at the home of his daughter here, Mrs. O. B. Tatum, where he had resided for the past 21 years. Death was due to the infirmities of age, which had kept him confined to the house for several years.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Shiloh cemetery, where he was buried by the side of his wife, who died in 1914. Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel, conducted the service.

Dr. Bowles first began the practice of medicine in Philadelphia, then in Georgia, and later came to Texas, removing to this section from McLennan county. Mrs. Tatum, whose husband is a Baptist minister, is the only daughter.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. HARRISON, BLAIR PIONEER

Mother of Malone Brothers and Widow of Late N. E. Harrison Passes Away Tuesday at Farm Home Near Blair.

Mrs. S. L. Harrison, 74, who had resided in the Blair community for 37 years, died suddenly shortly before noon Tuesday at her farm home two miles east of Blair.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 Wednesday afternoon from the Baptist church at Blair, of which she was a charter member, with Rev. John E. Walker, the pastor, officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were: G. W. Hughes, Herman Doan, Johnnie Latimer, Tommy Patterson, Dewey Sandusky and Pet Patterson.

Flower girls were: Miss Luella Hughes, Miss Novis Whitaker, Miss Genevieve Cox, Mrs. Tommy Patterson, Mrs. Herman Doan and Miss Lucy Moore.

Mrs. Harrison was born Feb. 26, 1860, in Alabama and was married in 1878 to Fate Malone. To this union five children were born, three of whom survive: Tom Malone, Hamby and Bob and Mark Malone, Blair. In 1899 she was married to N. E. Harrison; to this union one daughter was born, Miss Dollie Harrison, now deceased. Mr. Harrison died about 27 years ago.

Mrs. Harrison had been a member of the Baptist church for over fifty years.

Dwayne Stanford, 8, Dies Tuesday Morning

Funeral services were held at the graveside in Rose Hill cemetery at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon for Dwayne Stanford, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stanford with Revs. P. H. Gates and C. R. Joyner officiating.

Dwayne died at 8:30 Tuesday morning from diphtheria which attacked him about nine days before. He was in the second grade at school and very popular with his playmates.

Surviving are his parents, one brother, DeVerle, age 4, and a little sister, Zeta Faye, only three weeks old. His mother is seriously ill.

THE BOOK

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

64 BRUCE BARTON

A PRECIOUS BOATLOAD.

We have already considered the writing of the four gospels. The date of the first of them, Mark, is about 61, and Paul reached Corinth ten years earlier, in 51. Up to that time the story of the life of Jesus had been told orally. No one felt the need of a written biography; no one felt qualified to write it. So it was not with the gospels that the actual writing of the New Testament began, but with the letter which Paul in Corinth wrote to his church in Thessalonica, the Epistle to the Thessalonians. You will be interested in the story.

Go back to the period before Paul's arrival in Corinth, to his crossing from old Troy to Europe. He had seen a vision of a man of Macedonia inviting him into Europe, and he went. The little boat that carried him and his three companions, Timothy, Silas and Luke, bore the most precious freight that ever landed on the western shore of the Mediterranean. But Paul did not meet the man of Macedonia. For a good while he had a hard time. As we have already noted, he was beaten and imprisoned in Philippi, mobbed in Thessalonica, driven out of town from Berea, and flouted in Athens. "Our flesh had no rest," he wrote about those days. "Without were fightings and within were fears." When he arrived in Corinth he was alone, having left Silas at Berea, and Timothy at Thessalonica.

The weeks while he waited for them to come to him were a period in which Paul was very near to nervous prostration. If it had not been for Priscilla's good cooking and the companionship which he found with her and her husband he might have broken down entirely. His whole work since coming to Europe seemed a total failure; it had brought only hardship and humiliation.

He was afraid Timothy and Silas would never come. He was afraid they would be mobbed to death. And if they came he feared they would say: "It's no use. These people just will not hear the good news. In Philippi they say that if they had us back in jail we would never get out. In Berea they are ready to quote the Jewish law against us and say that Jesus did not measure up to the prophecies. In Thessalonica we dared not go on the streets in daylight. In Athens your sermon is a joke."

So in his loneliness he conjectured and was tortured by his imagination. But one day two dusty travelers arrived in Corinth, found the Ghetto, and there inquired if a man was boarding somewhere in town, a small, wiry, nervous man of defective sight, named Paul. To their joy they learned that he was staying with Aquila and Priscilla; they hunted him up, and there was a glad reunion. Timothy and Silas had rejoined Paul.

Next Week: Paul Starts a Book.

S. A. DERSTINE DIES OF INJURY TUESDAY NIGHT

Prominent Merkel Farmer Struck by Passing Automobile on Highway Near Home Sunday; Injuries Fatal.

S. A. Derstine, 62, pioneer farmer and one of the most highly esteemed citizens of West Taylor county, died at 11:15 Tuesday night at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, where he was carried Sunday afternoon, following injuries received when he was struck by an automobile on the highway near his home west of town.

Funeral services were to be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the family residence, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery. Rev. R. A. Walker, of the Grace Presbyterian church, the family pastor, was assisted by Revs. P. H. Gates and C. R. Joyner in conducting the services.

Mr. Derstine received a hip and leg fracture and a head injury when struck by an automobile driven by C. E. Warren of Big Spring. He was walking from his home across the highway to a cow pasture and as a machine traveling east passed hiccressed behind it and was in the path of the Warren car going west. So serious were the injuries that a blood transfusion was given Monday, following major surgery. His condition had been critical from the first, but death occurred unexpectedly.

He was born in Dixon county, near Dixon, Tennessee and it was there he was married to Miss Bessie Graham on August 8, 1900. Soon after they were married, they came to Texas and Mr. Derstine had engaged in farming near Merkel ever since.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Miss Mary Derstine, and one son, W. J. Derstine; a brother, W. H. Derstine, and two sisters, Mrs. W. A. Harris and Mrs. W. C. Lee, all of Merkel.

To Preach Here Saturday.

Rev. Johnnie A. Lovell, radio evangelist, who conducts a daily religious hour over station KFPL, Dublin, will preach at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon on the street here, using his loud speaker apparatus.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock and wife spent Thanksgiving and Friday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clois Murdock and Hardie Murdock of Sherman. Dr. T. L. Thomason and wife of Pampa spent Thanksgiving with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Thomason. Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Bryant's guests for Thanksgiving were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clement and family of Abilene; Mrs. Bryant and daughters returned home with them and spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday visiting in their home and with her sister, Miss Emma Nalley, of A. C. C. Mr. and Mrs. Ozro Steen and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and daughters and Miss Virgie Strawn, Mrs. Algie Steen and children, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn and son of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Harrah of Central City, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. E. Holt and children of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. H. Terry and children, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Steen of Clyde and Miss Jean Terry of Abilene were guests on Thanksgiving of Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen of Clyde. A bountiful turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served at the noon hour buffet style. Music and tap dancing by the younger folks was an enjoyable pastime throughout the day. Mr. and Mrs. Willie McQuirter and two daughters of Greenville spent Thanksgiving holidays as guests of Mr. McQuirter's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Reeves, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Armour of Eastland were week-end guests of relatives here. Miss Marjorie Adrian of A. C. C., also Miss Dorene Scott of McMurry spent the holidays at home. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pass and little daughter, Peggy, of Abilene were guests Friday of Mrs. T. J. Williamson. Miss Maggie Payne attended the state teachers convention in Houston last week. Miss Inez Parker, who teaches at Post, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her mother, Mrs. Eva Parker. Mrs. Frank Allyn spent last week visiting in Cisco. A. W. Woods returned the latter part of last week from a trip of several days in the east, attending the convention of the Red & White stores in Baton Rouge, La., on Monday and

Tuesday, returning home via New Orleans. Mrs. T. B. Sorrells returned Sunday to her home in Fort Worth after a visit of several days as guest in the J. E. Bowers home. Mr. and Mrs. John Crain and daughter, Lady Fred, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with the former's mother and other relatives at Greenville. Mrs. C. R. Shannon has returned from a visit of several days with her parents at Sulphur Springs. Mesdames J. B. Winn and A. Williamson were visitors Monday in Abilene. Mrs. Rose Edwards is quite ill at this writing. Mrs. Roy Stewart received treatment the first part of the week in the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene. Mrs. Hattie Boozer and children of Sweetwater were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Terry of Lueders spent the week-end in the home of the latter's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Howell.

MARTIN-HAMNER.

Mr. Ansil Martin and Miss May Hamner were married at Odessa on Thanksgiving day. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamner, well-to-do pioneer settlers and numbers her friends by her acquaintances. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Martin of White Flat and for the past several months has been employed by the Sunshine grocery at Sweetwater, where they will reside. Their many friends are extending congratulations and wishing for them all happiness.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

NOODLE NEWS

The farmers of this community are busy sowing wheat and oats. They are smiling over the fine rains we have had. School is progressing nicely; this being the second six weeks semester, the students are all studying for exams. Prof. F. T. Bell and Mrs. Bell spent the holidays at DeLeon, the guests of their parents, returning home Sunday night. Mrs. Bell's mother, Mrs. Irvin, and Ronald Lee Bell came home with them. Mrs. L. H. Herring is visiting her parents in South Texas and intends to stay until after the Christmas holidays. Mrs. T. B. Cox returned home last Wednesday from Fort Worth where she had been the past two months at the bedside of her sister, who died last Saturday. Jim Eason and family of Big Spring visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eason, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King and son, Norman, of Merkel were visitors in the A. J. Barbee home Sunday. The following were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tarpley: Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Williams of Sweetwater and Mrs. David Tarpley of Stith. Martin Murdock of Albuquerque, N. M., was the Thanksgiving day guest of Miss Willie Evelyn Boaz. Miss Thelma Suber spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Abilene. Miss Vernie Derrick, one of our high school teachers, spent Thanksgiving at her home in Merkel. Bishop Hunter and family of Merkel visited Otto Bicknell's family Sunday. Messrs. Hughie and Carlton Vick and Norman Sloan, with their wives, spent Thanksgiving day near Trent

the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brant Haire. Conway Pickard spent the week-end with home folks at Levelland. Misses Mildred Sharp, Missie Spurgin, Monty Reece and Mozelle Payne spent the week-end at Anson, the guests of Miss Neva Dell Spurgin. Mrs. Roy Cox and children spent Sunday in the oil field visiting friends.

The following were guests Sunday of the O. W. Sosebee family: Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Sosebee, Stamford, J. M. Sosebee and family of Anson, Miss Bernita Fish, Crowell, Miss Leona Sosebee, Anson, J. O. Sosebee, Anson, Mrs. Marie Womble, Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee and son, Roger, and little daughter, Ava Ruth, Noodle, and Miss Lucile Justice. Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Murdock spent Thanksgiving day at Sweetwater. Misses Leta Faye Barbee, Mozelle Payne, Missie Spurgin and Neva Dell Spurgin attended singing at Union Sunday. C. B. Jinkens happened to a very painful accident last Friday when a torch exploded in the gin, burning his hand severely. We are glad to report the little baby of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Williams is improving at the home of its grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Williams, after several days illness.

See special combination offer Semi-Weekly Farm News and Merkel Mail in this issue. Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

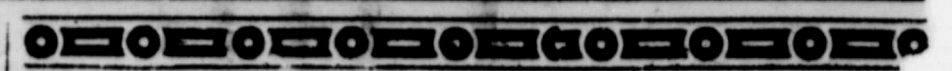
Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.



FARMERS

Like To Do Business With Our Bank

A great part of our business comes from the farmers of our community.

This is due to the fact that many of the men connected with our bank are farmers and have an intimate knowledge of farm conditions.

With farm income steadily rising there is every indication that the future will bring a greater need for the services of a strong bank.

To those who have never had the pleasure of doing business here, we extend a hearty invitation to come in and enjoy the satisfaction a fine bank connection offers.

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Merkel, Texas.

OFFICERS:

J. T. Warren, President. G. F. West, Vice-Pres. Sam Butman, Sr., Vice-Pres. Booth Warren, Cashier. F. Y. Gaither, Ass't Cashier



MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

VICKS COUGH DROP ... Real Throat relief! Medicated with ingredients of Vicks VapoRUB OVERCOMES BAD BREATH

- 5-1933 Chevrolets
5-1931 Chevrolets
30 Fords and Chevrolets, all body types
1-1928 Chevrolet coach, priced \$85.00
Open Evenings
SHOEMAKER & MCGLOTHLIN "Better Used Cars"
1214 N. 1st Street. Abilene, Texas

LEST YOU FORGET

WE DO



When you are in need of job work, think twice before you send it out of town. If you will have the Merkel Mail do your work, you will get some of this money back.

THIS IS SOMETHING FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT

PHONE 61

THE MERKEL MAIL



Let our gift displays save you time—trouble—money

Gift Suggestions by Fisher

- Ladies' Baguette Wrist Watch \$15.00
Boy's Wrist Watch, ELGIN \$19.00
Belt Sets for Boys \$1.50
Bill Folds, many styles and colors \$1 to \$10
Ladies' Traveling Sets \$8.50 to \$14.50
Ladies' Diamond Rings \$12.00
Gent's Tiger Eye and Hematite Rings \$6.00
Bracelets, any style \$1.00 to \$18.50
Mickey Mouse Wrist Watches \$2.95
Crystal Candelabra with drops, pair \$3.50
Stemware in Cut Crystal, Goblets, Sherbets and Ice Teas, each 55c



A Small Deposit Will Hold any Article Until Christmas

W. C. FISHER

JEWELER AND OPTOMETRIST

126 Pine Street

"Over a Quarter Century"

THE BADGER WEEKLY

STUDENT BODY ENJOY GOOD CHAPEL HOUR

Dr. Smith, president of McMurry, delivered an interesting speech Wednesday composed of several short anecdotes, one of which I shall tell to you.

A certain Presbyterian preacher had been called to preach in a neighboring town. After delivering his sermon, he and his little son started to leave. As they entered the hall the collection box attracted the attention of his little son.

"Daddy, aren't you going to put anything in the collection box?"

Noticing the box, the preacher reached in his pocket and took fifty cents which he dropped into the box.

They walked on and began talking with one of the deacons.

"To pay your expenses for coming, we are going to give you this morning's collection," said the deacon. He emptied the box and handed the preacher fifty cents.

The preacher and his little son were walking down the street when his little son looked up and said, "Daddy, if you had put more in you would have got more out!"

This story applies to each of us. The more we put into life the more we get out of it. This is only one of the many good thoughts he presented the students.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—
Cal is a ladies' man?
Bussie and Joe went to Abilene Saturday night?
Oscar likes all-day suckers?
Clara Frances likes small men?
Popeye's a married man?
Smittie plays for the all-stars?
Willie B. talks business?
Charlie T. is wearing spats?
Helen is not dated for the banquet?
M. H. S. will have a gym in 1935?
Woody smokes a pipe?
Loreta's always smiling?
Theima looks homesick?
R. T. will go to the banquet?
Bud is always Abilene-bound?
The football boys want their sweat-

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.

The Staff:
Editor-in-Chief—Mary Helen Lancaster.
Assistant Editor—Clara Frances Largent.
Society Editor—Vivian Davis.
Sports Editor—Lloyd Robertson.
Joke Editor—Joe Earl Lassiter.

Our Seniors

Loreta Cox.
Loreta is sincere, generous, ingenious, inventive and resourceful, and her personality is sparkling and dynamic. She is a member of the Pep Squad, Choral club and Dramatic club. If there is anyone looking for a good, clean and faithful pal, I recommend Loreta.

Eelon Havrell.
Eelon is witty, sincere and very conversational. If he happens to be in your class, your lesson will never be dry, for Eelon will mix his bright remarks with it, making it very easy to see the object of the study. What Eelon intends to be when he leaves Merkel High school no one knows, for he keeps his personal business to himself.

PEP NEWS.
The Pep Squad has had a great deal of fun working together this year. We have had a much larger Pep Squad than we had last year. Although we are losing several of our Pep Squad members this year, I am sure we are going to have a good Pep Squad again next year. I think that everyone in the Pep Squad will agree that we have had excellent leaders this year.

Although our pie and cake sale did not go over so big the girls are planning on a good banquet. This banquet is for you, football boys, so come and get you a date and let's have a good time.

SCHOOL HOUSE GOSSIP.
All you can hear when you are around the Pep squad girls is that they want dates to the football banquet. It seems that the boys are scared to ask the girls, but maybe they want the girls to ask them, so watch out, football boys, you may be the next in line! Everyone is glad to see Robert, Jr., back in school, even if he is on crutches.

We wonder why Mary Helen M. and Clara Frances think Anna Lou is silly.

Ask Jack Lowe and Bussie where they acted like it, especially when they felt Saturday night.

Billie Bernice and Sis seemed to like snow Thanksgiving day; at least they acted like it, especially when they could eat divinity candy with Clara Frances, Eelon, Sarah and Billy.

What do Skinny and Jack Davis worry about during the second study hall? (All I can think of is girl and dates.)

Jane and Ben do not get along so well, or maybe it's just brotherly and sisterly love.

Mr. Riddle thinks that Aline is the "mail carrier" because he caught her delivering notes.

No one can understand why Mary Frances can't see A. C. as others see him.

Cal seems to think that water should be served with aspirins in Speech class.

PRIVATE CONFAB WITH OLD SATAN ON PROHIBITION

(By Tracy Woods.)

In the year 2434 A. D. when communication could be held with Satan, I worked for "The Times" in New York. I was sent down to get Satan's idea on the prohibition question.

When the elevator had finally reached the "hot spot," I immediately proceeded to the Devil's castle.

Upon ringing the door bell, I was astonished when T. D. Riddle answered the door and asked for my card. He took me to the devil's waiting room and his secretary, Miss Patterson (I think she was his bookkeeper too) took my name to him.

Of course, Satan's idea was that prohibition should be repealed at once. He said his business had slackened terribly and he needed more.

Satan said, "Why not have a good time while you're living; you probably won't go where you think anyway."

When we finished our conversation, I produced a pocket flask out of my pocket and offered Satan a drink and believe you me, he wouldn't take it. He exclaimed, "That's hard on my constitution!"

(Given Oct. 31, 1934, A. D. by Tracy Wood in speech class at M. H. S.)

SUICIDE.

Once upon a time there was a man who had grown tired of living in this cruel old world so he decided that he would commit suicide and thereby kill himself; but as he couldn't decide just how he would do it he decided he would kill himself several ways at one and the same time.

The man went to the hardware store and got a ope and a gun. He went to the drug store and got some deadly poison; next he went to a garage and got some gasoline.

The man took all of these things and went down to a deep river, got in a boat and roved out under a limb of a big tree that was growing near the bank. The man tied the rope to the limb and put one end around his neck; then he loaded the gun and put it to his head, poured the gasoline over him and had a match ready to strike with which to set himself on fire, opened the poison and had it ready to be swallowed.

The man got upon the side of the boat, jumped off, pulled the trigger of the gun, struck the match and set himself on fire, and drank the poison all at the same time. The world was rid of another good man gone wrong—No! wait! A miracle had happened!

Funny Boners

Anna Lou: "Do you know why Scotchmen prefer blondes to brunettes?"

Veda Helen: "No, why do they?"
Anna Lou: "Why, because the over-head is lighter."

Loreta: "Did you know that Mr. Riddle wanted to name his last little man Sears and Roebuck?"

Mary Helen Mashburn: "No, I didn't; why was it?"
Loreta: "Oh, because he was of the 'male order,' I guess."

Ben S.: "Jack, did you read the Lost and Found column today?"

Jack D.: "Yea, but they had only one that was of any account."
Ben S.: "What was it?"

Jack D.: "Oh, it just said, 'Reward—Lost one fountain pen by a man full of blue ink!'"

Neil D.: "Do you know what relation crude oil and an oil man's daughter have?"

Waymon R.: "No, what relation do they have?"
Neil D.: "They both need refining."

Louise R.: "Mother, can I go to the zoo and look at the monkeys?"

Mrs. Richie: "Shame on you, Louise, when your aunt's just coming."

Gunman: "Stick 'em up, big boy; which had you rather me take, your money or your life?"

Rodger D.: "Take my life! Oh, take my life! I am saving my money for old age."

HOLIDAY PERSONALS.

In spite of the snow and rain that fell Thanksgiving Day, some of the students and teachers had a good time. We were all proud of the snow, but it didn't hinder us in doing what we had planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, accompanied by Vivian Davis, went to Lubbock.

Mr. Irvin went to Roby to see the game between Roby and Roscoe. Roscoe beat!

Mary Helen, Betty and Sarah went to Sweetwater.

Several went over to Abilene to see the game between McMurry and A. C. C. Among those going were Eteyl Church, Eva Faye Bush, Marvin Hunter and Anna Lou Church.

Some of the others went to a movie or probably stayed at home.

Anyway, we all had a good time.

Just as the man jumped the bullet missed his head and cut the rope into, he fell into the water which put out the fire and he also got strangled and coughed up the poison and deciding that this was a pretty good world after all the man swam ashore and lived happily ever after.

PLAIN, EVERYDAY DEPENDABILITY

This Bank has always tried to win and hold the confidence of other customers by being faithful to the little trusts as well as the big ones. To be dependable rather than impressive; adequate rather than pretentious; thorough rather than spectacular—that is our policy.

DEPOSITS INSURED
BY
The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
WASHINGTON, D. C.
\$5000 MAXIMUM INSURANCE FOR EACH DEPOSITOR **\$5000**

FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL

OFFICERS—C. M. Largent, President; W. L. Diltz, Cashier; Herbert Patterson, Assistant Cashier.

DIRECTORS—C. M. Largent, W. W. Toombs, J. A. Patterson, Jr., W. L. Diltz.



You buy insurance to protect what you have. You need dependable insurance. We sell it. Let's get together. . . .

W. O. BONEY

MERKEL, TEXAS
Farm Loans and all kinds of Insurance
Consult Your Insurance Agent as you Would Your Doctor or Lawyer.

PROFESSIONAL

Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig
Dentist
General Practice of Dentistry
Office, Merkel Sanitarium
Phone 163

PAULINE JOHNSON
Successor to
G. W. JOHNSON
Insurance—Notary Public
In new location, next door to McDowald Barber Shop—Elm St.
Merkel, Texas

M. SHAW,
Manager
Let us figure your Abstract work, we can save you money
Prompt, accurate and efficient service

Ernest Walter Wilson
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
Insurance Law a Specialty
General Civil Practice
125 1/2 Pine St. Abilene, Tex.

GUARANTY ABSTRACT CO.
124 1/2 Pine Street
Phone 7575 Abilene, Texas

DR. J. P. HOWARD
CHIROPRACTOR
610 Locust Street
Merkel, Texas
Phone 111

SPECIAL OFFER

SEMI-WEEKLY FARM NEWS and MERKEL MAIL

Both Papers, one year, for

\$1.50

THE MERKEL MAIL

HERE'S THE AID TO FEWER COLDS... VICKS VA-TRO-NOL
A FEW DROPS UP EACH NOSTRIL

HERE'S THE AID TO SHORTER COLDS... VICKS VAPORUB
JUST RUB ON THROAT AND CHEST

Follow **VICKS PLAN** for better **CONTROL OF COLDS**
Full details in each Vicks package

The World's Most Interesting Magazine EVERY WEEK FROM WASHINGTON The Most Important Place in the World

Local news—you get it in your favorite home paper. But you cannot be equally well informed on national and world affairs without Pathfinder. Think of all that is going on! New industrial developments! The all-important agricultural situation! Acts of Congress! Governmental orders and a thousand other things! But how will this affect you personally—**THAT'S WHAT YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW.**

The true inside story of what goes on at Washington; understandable and reliable information that is so hard to find; the maze of current happenings and fast changing conditions clearly analyzed and explained for you—that is exactly what the Pathfinder will give you. By all means order Pathfinder with this paper in the club which we have arranged for your benefit. **ORDER NOW!**

Every Week 52 Issues \$1.00
PATHFINDER
THIS PAPER AND PATHFINDER BOTH ONE YEAR ONLY \$1.60

Get Your MAGAZINES at Cost!
WHY PAY MORE

HERE is an actual opportunity to make your dollar do double duty. Twice as much for your money is no small matter when you consider the well balanced assortment of standard publications which are entertaining, instructive, and enjoyable in the widest variety. We have made it easy for you—simply select the club you want and send us this coupon to our office TODAY.

CLIP THIS Coupon Day!
Yes—MR. EDITOR, Send Bargain No. _____ to
Name _____
Town _____
State _____ R. F. D. _____
Bring or mail this Coupon to our office today—NOW

MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

THE MERKEL MAIL

Published Every Friday Morning
Glover and Caple, Publishers.
TELEPHONE NO. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Merkel, Texas, as second class mail.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
Taylor and Jones counties \$1.50
Anywhere else \$2.00
(In Advance)

Advertising Rates On Application.
All obituaries, resolutions of respect, cards of thanks, etc., are classed as advertising, and will be charged for at 1c per word.

Local Members O. E. S. Attend Albany Meeting

Mr. and Mrs. Mose Cummins, Mesdames J. M. Williamson, P. B. Caussaux, Tom Allday and L. C. Rea, all of Merkel Chapter No. 242, attended a meeting of Albany Chapter No. 733, honoring their deputy matron, Mrs. Kittie Lee, and exemplifying the degrees.

Mr. Cummins' sister, Mrs. Malone, was the candidate and Mr. Cummins administered the obligation to her.

Honorary Member of State Tax Association

C. W. Boyce, tax collector of Taylor county, who retires from office on January 1, has been elected to honorary life membership in the Texas Tax Assessors and Collectors association, he has been notified by Paul Williams of Austin, secretary.

On January 1, the assessor and collector job is combined in Texas counties, and in Taylor county will be taken over by Grady Farmerly, the present tax collector. Mr. Boyce entered the race for the combined office early in the year, but withdrew before the first primary.

IN MEMORY OF C. C. BOWLES.
C. C. Bowles was born April 11, 1884, at Vestal, N. Y., and was educated in the public schools of the city. Attending a school of medicine, he obtained his degree and practiced his profession until ill health caused him to retire.

He was married to Miss Louise Potts in Philadelphia, Pa. Two children were born to this union, only one of whom survives, Mrs. O. B. Tatum, of Merkel, with whom he had made his home since the demise of his companion in 1913. He was converted in the Moody-Sankey evangelistic meeting in Philadelphia at the age of 25 years.

Of him we may truthfully say he as a personality has few equals. He stood out as a man among men. His noble spirit has taken its flight to yonder world where a just reward awaits the battle-scarred soldier. Emerging from each conflict a stronger man, because of a faith never complaining, equal at all times for the task before him, a deep thinker, a just reasoner, a personality whom all ages appreciated.

For true manhood, he was all the work implies. We shall miss you as a father, a companion, counsellor and friend. By having come your way in life's road we have been made stronger. Yours has indeed been a life of encouragement over the rugged places and to his loved ones we would only say: from us one is transplanted to that eternal home. Ere long we too must make the journey. A just reward awaits those who remain ever faithful to Him who doeth all things well.

—A Friend.

Christmas Bargain Festival begins today at Bragg Dry Goods Company. Be sure to read our double page circular.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
To all concerned, citing City Ordinance No. 3, which deals with the closing on Sunday at 9 a. m. of those merchants who handle perishable foodstuffs.

This warning is not for the purpose of accusing any specified place of business but to call your attention to the fact that the closing at 9 a. m. henceforth will be strictly enforced.

Very respectfully,
W. M. Elliott, Mayor.
Chester Hutcheson, City Marshal.

NOTICE.
December may be the last month for government aid on sanitary toilets. We have a supply of materials required for same.

It will pay you to investigate the Federal Housing plan.
Wm. P. Carey Lumber Co.
(Formerly Merkel Lumber Co.)
Christmas Bargain Festival begins today at Bragg Dry Goods Company. Be sure to read our double page circular.

PERSONALS

R. D. Ely and Miss Aura Ely returned Sunday to Texas Tech at Lubbock after spending the Thanksgiving holidays with their family. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Fox and children spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Wichita Falls, returning Sunday.

Miss Lottie Butman has returned home after a two months visit with relatives in Long Beach, Calif.

Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt spent the weekend in Amarillo with her son, Homer Rainbolt. She was accompanied by her daughters, Mrs. E. A. Hargrove and H. E. Brittain, of Abilene, and another daughter, Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt, of Roy, N. M., joined them at Amarillo.

Miss Mary Kate Campbell, who teaches in the Amarillo schools, was home to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bon Campbell.

Messrs. W. L. Conner of Indian Gap and J. C. and John S. Conner of Hamilton were guests Wednesday of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Conner, finding Mrs. Conner doing as well as could be expected after her recent fall when she broke her shoulder.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Beene and little daughter visited with relatives at Comanche for Thanksgiving. Mrs. Beene and daughter remaining for a longer visit.

Mrs. Jewel McLaughlin of Lubbock arrived Friday for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker.

Milton Shannon and Jack Patterson, Rice students, were home to spend Thanksgiving with their parents.

Mrs. W. T. Johnson, who was called to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Lee Brewer, of Birmingham, Ala., has returned home, leaving her daughter greatly improved.

Miss Dora Garoutte returned Monday from holiday visits in Big Spring and Colorado. At the former place she was the guest of the J. D. Sloan family and in Colorado she visited with the Dale Warren family and Mrs. Trixie Barton.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Harlow of Brownwood were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jinkens were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jinkens and Johnnie Farmer of Fort Worth.

Mrs. John Morgan of Tyler was guest for several days last week of her mother, Mrs. J. C. Calvert, and sisters, Mrs. Fred Latham and Charlie Russell.

Out-of-town Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp were Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sharp from Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bourne of Winters and Mrs. Jim Haggard of Potosi.

Miss Neli Swann was home from Tyler to spend Thanksgiving with her mother, Mrs. Jim Swann. Another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Sears, of Snyder also visited their mother at the same time.

Misses Beryl and Odelle Hunter, accompanied by Don Reeder and Glenn Woody, were down from Lubbock to spend Sunday with the Misses Hunter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter.

Miss Doris Durham, who teaches at Cross Plains, came home to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Durham. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Echols were over from Albany to spend Sunday in the Durham home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis and family of East Texas visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Buck Moore, returning Sunday. Ed Davis is a former Merkel boy and old friends enjoyed renewing acquaintance.

Mrs. Max Mellinger and three sons, Isadore, Meyer and Sylvan, visited relatives and friends in Austin Thanksgiving day, enjoying the Texas A. M. football game and also attending open house at Sigma Alpha Nu fraternity.

Miss Berdelle Adcock, who teaches at Menard, was home to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock.

When Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Duke returned to their home in Waco last Tuesday after a visit with the R. L. Adcocks, they were accompanied by Miss Frances Adcock, who is their guest.

Misses Mossie and Eula Sears visited last week with their uncle, W. E. Douglas, at Sunset.

Mrs. M. D. Angus returned the latter part of last week from Temple where she had been at the sanitarium for several weeks, following an operation.

If you have any visitors. Phone 23 or 61.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.
Try a Classified Ad in The Mail

LOCAL BRIEFS.

One of the new 1935 Plymouth sedans is on display in the show rooms of the Church Motor company, where it is attracting considerable attention.

Announcement is made in this issue of The Mail of opening of the Merkel Tractor and Implement company in the Percy Jones building, two doors east of the Chevrolet house. Milt A. Dunn, well known former Merkel man, is in charge.

Having purchased the Hamm Drug company, Carlton Vick, operating as

the Wick Drug company, has added a prescription department, with a registered pharmacist, J. W. Bounds, formerly of Waxahachie in charge.

J. H. Cook of the Bullock Hardware company has gone to Dallas this week to make additional purchases for Christmas selling.

Expression of Thanks.
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Conner wish to thank the people for their kindness and bountiful Thanksgiving dinners, which were brought them that day. Mrs. Conner is convalescing from a fall of two weeks ago.

Box Supper at I. X. L.

There will be a box supper at the I. X. L. schoolhouse Friday night of this week. The public is invited. There will be a musical program for entertainment. Everyone bring a box and come.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bonney, Sunday, November 2, 1934.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hobbs, residing north of town, Sunday, November 2, 1934.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Hudson, Stith, Tuesday, November 4, 1934.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method to express our deep appreciation to those loving and sympathetic friends who were so kind during the illness and death of our father; also for the beautiful floral offerings. We shall ever hold your remembrance in our mind.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Tatum and Family.

Eighty-five per cent of the church members come from the Sunday School.

The total outstanding life insurance in the United States is 90 billion dollars.

FALL BARGAIN DAYS

Brings reduced rates not only in DAILY PAPERS, but you can get THE MAIL one year for only

50c

If you let us take your subscription to a daily in our special clubbing offers.

We make these Combination Rates as a Saving to our Subscribers. Why Not Give Us Your Subscription

Business?

The
MERKEL MAIL

"Your Home Town Newspaper"

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE
FOR SALE—Maiz: heads, \$25.00 per ton. See H. B. Robertson, Route 1, Merkel, Texas.

50 YOUNG HENS for sale or trade for maiz. W. A. Campbell, Merkel, Texas, Route 5, Phone 9033E11.

FOR SALE OR TRADE good 1924 model Ford touring car. See Clarence Williams at McDonald Feed Store.

USED CARS for sale. Fox Wrecking Shop.

PIANO FOR SALE—Good used upright, splendid condition; a bargain for \$65.00. See it at Blake's Dry Cleaners.

FOR SALE—Good fat hog; will dress 500 pounds. A. W. Hunter, Merkel, Texas, Route 5.

FOR SALE—White pigs, eight weeks old, \$2.50 each. George F. Smith.

SEED OATS free of Johnson grass 60c per bushel in small lots. Sam Butman.

FOR SALE
MULES AND HORSES
 All Kinds Used
 Farm Implements
WEST COMPANY, Inc.

WANTED
 I am your authorized Rawleigh dealer, west half of Taylor county. Your patronage appreciated; satisfaction guaranteed. W. E. Humber, 2809 S. 11th St., Abilene, Texas.

WILL BUY your maiz and grain. See me about your hauling; prices right, Paul H. Douglas, Phone 133.

TO TRADE—Case two-row godevil and Case single row cell-drop beam-hitch planter in good shape; will trade either or both for good P. & O. two-row lister. J. R. Banner, Sylvester, Texas, Route 1.

WANTED TO BUY girl's bicycle, 28-inch wheel, in good condition. Dent Gibson.

FOR RENT
FOR RENT—January 1, store building on Front street, now occupied by Lancaster Radio shop. W. O. Boney.
FOR RENT—My home unfurnished on my two-story brick building on Kent street January 1. See Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

FURNISHED APARTMENT for rent; modern conveniences. Mrs. Duncan Briggs.

FOR RENT—155 or 180 acres of land, 3-room house, barns, good well of water 35-acre pasture. See Mrs. R. B. Rains, Merkel, Texas, Route 1, Box 93.

LOST AND FOUND
FOUND—Pair of baby's white shoes. Owner can recover by paying for this ad.
LOST—Dodge automobile horn. Notify J. Ben Campbell.

Christmas Bargain Festival begins today at Bragg Dry Goods Company. Be sure to read our double page circular.

See special combination offer Pathfinder and Merkel Mail in this issue.

Try a Classified Ad for Results.

Special Rates to School Students for Choir Boys

Special rates for school students here will be in effect for the appearance at Abilene of the world famed Vienna Choir Boys, who are to give a concert on the artist course of Hardin-Simmons university on December 15.

A price of 50 cents is being made to all Merkel school students.

This is the third transcontinental tour of the group. They have sung before large audiences in almost every civilized nation.

Death Claims W. A. Douglas at Stanton

W. A. Douglas of Stanton, who was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Joseph Douglas, early settlers of Merkel, died last Friday. He had been in ill health for several years.

During childhood he lived on a farm near Merkel and he was married to a former Merkel girl, who was before her marriage Miss Lillie Jones. He was a member of the Church of Christ and enjoyed a large circle of friends.

Mr. Douglas is survived by his wife and two children and four grandchildren. The children are Mrs. William Henson and Earl Douglas, both of Stanton.

Brothers at his bedside when death came were Marvin, Ocie and Joe Douglas, all of Merkel. Others attending the funeral were Mesdames Ocie Douglas, Marvin Douglas, Joe Douglas, all of Merkel, and two other brothers, J. A. Douglas of Sidney and E. C. Douglas of Merkel.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
 To all concerned, citing City Ordinance No. 3, which deals with the closing on Sunday at 9 a. m. of those merchants who handle perishable foodstuffs.

This warning is not for the purpose of accusing any specified place of business but to call your attention to the fact that the closing at 9 a. m. henceforth will be strictly enforced.

Very respectfully,
 W. M. Elliott, Mayor.
 Chester Hutcheson,
 City Marshal.

Christmas Bargain Festival begins today at Bragg Dry Goods Company. Be sure to read our double page circular.

See special combination offer Semi-Weekly Farm News and Merkel Mail in this issue.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 7c each at Merkel Mail office.

IN COLD WEATHER

You will find it even more convenient than in the summer time to let us do your laundry work. Save the housewife all the worry and trouble as well as the inconvenience and hardships of "wash day."

We call for and deliver.

THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY
 LENA WEBB, Owner
 PHONE 77

Specials at THE RED & WHITE STORES FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DEC. 7-8

- Seedless
GRAPE FRUIT, 6 for 18c
- Texas
ORANGES, each 1c
- Naval
ORANGES, dozen 30c
- Winesap
APPLES, each 1c
- Head
LETTUCE, each 5c
- White
SPUDS, 10 pounds 17c
- Hershey's
CHOCOLATE, 1-2 pound cake 17c
- Southern Style
COCOANUT, can 13c
- Blue and White
COCOA, pound 15c
- Red and White
CORN FLAKES, package 10c
- Red and White
OATS, large package 19c
- Dried
PRUNES, 2 pounds 27c
- Red and White
GRAPE JUICE, pint 17c
- Brim Full
MACARONI, package 5c
- Red and White
MILK 2 large 13c
 4 small 13c
- Peanut
BUTTER, pint 18c
- Baby
LIMA BEANS, 3 pounds 23c
- Iowa Club
CORN, per can 12c
- Red and White
GRAPE JAM, 1 pound jar 19c
- Red and White
RED CHERRIES, 5 oz. jar 19c

- Seedless
RAISINS, 15 oz. package 11c
- Brown
SUGAR, pound 9c
- Glaze Peel
CITRON, LEMON or ORANGE, pkg. 13c
- Glaze
PINEAPPLE or CHERRIES, pkg. 19c
- Crystalized
GINGER, package 10c
- Red and White
PITTED DATES, 10-oz. package 19c
- White Pressed
FIGS, 8 oz. package 10c
- Red and White
CURRENTS, 7 oz. package 12c
- Pure Cane
SUGAR, 10 pounds 52c
- Sun Up
COFFEE, pound 19c
- Red and White
CREAM MEAL, 10 pounds 33c
- Whole Wheat
FLOUR, 6 pounds 34c
- Toilet
TISSUE, 3 rolls 14c
- Red and White
SOAP, 6 bars 25c
- Red and White
LYE, 3 cans 25c
- A-1 Soda
CRACKERS, 2 pounds 19c
- Sliced
BACON, pound 25c
- Brick
CHILI, pound 18c
- Cream
CHEESE, pound 19c

IT'S HERE
THE 1935
PLYMOUTH SEDAN
 Come In and See It In
 Our Display Room
Church Motor Co.
 Chrysler---Plymouth

TRAILS' END

ANNE
LORRAINE
FRISBY

NINTH 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 pretence has aroused suspicion. Barry and Anne become more than neighbors and when Anne is lost in the hills and rescued by Barry, each realizes that something more than friendship exists between them.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY:

Cleo seemed to have a great deal to show Anne. A dress. Then a jewel case. After that there must be a brief call on Cleo's mother. There was still something else, a rare vase of the Ming dynasty.

"Dad will want to show it to you, so you might as well be forewarned. He's crazy about it, but I think it's awful," said Cleo frankly. "Now, darling, I'll take you home. Wait here for me just a minute. . . I forgot to put those sapphires away."

She whisked out of sight, and passed to a house telephone. "Is Kennedy there? . . . Bring the car around now, Kennedy. And go to the Chinese room and tell Mrs. Duane that I've been detained and will be down in ten minutes."

Out in front of the garage building, which in itself was a smaller stone castle, Kennedy scowled and sauntered back to his car.

"Wonder why she didn't give her message to one of the flunkies? Too damn lazy to ring twice, maybe. . . Oh, well, it's O.K. by me."

"Miss Pendleton wishes me to say that she will join Mrs. Duane in ten minutes."

Anne whirled about to see Kennedy. "So we meet again! You're looking like a million, Nancy. I suppose you were the last time, but I didn't get much of a look before I passed out. Nice little party, wasn't it?"

"It was ghastly! Jim, how can you talk like that?"

"I could talk a lot, if I got started. You could talk yourself into prison!" she flashed angrily. "There's a penalty for blackmail."

"It would never get that far, baby. He twisted a scornful under lip. "It would take too much explaining. There's that pleasant little scene at the beach bungalow, and a sweet mix-up afterward—Oh yes, I've figured that out. And a nice ride for Jimmy—only it's just too bad that I came back."

"Hush!" She looked around nervously. "Your own part was nothing to be proud of. What are you doing here? In Granleigh?"

"Any reason why I shouldn't be here?" He grinned at her mockingly. "You've done pretty well for yourself, after all. Picked a rich man and landed soft. Does he happen to know—"

"Please, Jim!"

"No, he doesn't know! How could I tell him? I left all of the old life behind me, on that night last May. I never meant to come East, either, but I had to risk it or lose everything. . ."

Her voice broke. Kennedy looked at her curiously.

"You're a queer kid, Nancy. What did you do it for? . . . Oh, you know what I mean. I knew there was something phoney about that accident. I went to a library and hunted up the papers—afterward, I believed you'd taken the jump, until I came here and saw you through a window one night."

"Why did you come?" she cried. "If it's money you want, there's little enough that I can do. My husband isn't rich at all. Can't you have a little mercy and go away?"

"You let me alone, Nancy, and I won't bother you. Get that?" Kennedy gave her a brief, tight smile. "I'm after money, big money. And if you should get any notions about horning in on the game, don't overlook the fact that I hold some high cards."

"But Jim—"

He bowed stiffly from the door, and stepped jauntily out to his car. Anne stood for a moment staring blankly at the empty doorway.

Back of her a curtain moved, and a pair of childlike blue eyes peeped out before it dropped gain. A moment later she heard Cleo's voice calling her from the hall.

"I tried to see Gave this morning,

but he'd just hopped a plane for Washington. "Oh . . . I didn't know he lived here."

"He doesn't, although he will some day, within a dozen miles. He's living at the Ritz now, just back from Europe. Probably buying up the insides of a few old manor houses to put in his new place, and another rope of pearls for his wife."

"He's married a Follies girl." Barry's tone was slightly disparaging. "I'm not looking forward to that interview. I nearly told him to go to blazes the last time. But I'm going to keep at him. I ought to take you with me and see if you can hypnotize the old pachyderm."

Anne said "Oh!" in a rather small voice. "Then it's this Mr. Gage that you're trying to interest in the Junipero?"

"That's the idea."

"But Barry"—she was desperately in earnest—"why do you have to deal with him at all? There must be plenty of other men. Why, the only reason that he owns the Duane Mills is because the first plan failed! He'd be prejudiced from the start!"

"You can bet he's prejudiced," said Barry grimly, "and that is just the reason I've got to win him over. Gage is more than just money in this scheme. He's the man who owns the other side of the spur that I must tunnel through. It's part of what he took over in payment of my uncle's debts. I don't know why."

He was silent for a moment. "He has held out now for four years. Says it's damn nonsense. So you see, unless I can persuade him to sell pretty soon, I'd better give up my large schemes."

She laughed shakily. "Oh, well, there's time yet. Hurry into your flannels, and we'll be off."

"Right! I'll be ready in ten minutes."

Anne huddled down in a chair, her hands clenching into tight little fists. John Gage again. Everywhere she turned. She must either face him or run away.

"He's building here!" she thought. "That's why Jim is here! I must see him again—somehow."

She jumped up from her chair, listened to the sounds from the next room, and went lightly over to her desk. . . Her pen raced. When Barry came back, a few moments later, the envelope addressed to Jim Kennedy was safely hidden in her bag.

"I suppose this is very silly," Cleo raised appealing eyes toward the large impressive man. "I wouldn't want anything to come of it to hurt the man's reputation, but he came to us without any references. I just wanted to be sure that he didn't have a criminal record. I was sure you could find that out for me without any publicity."

"If he has one, we'll find it. What name does he give?"

"James Kennedy. And I have a snapshot of him. I took it when he wasn't looking."

The man at the desk looked at the small picture with interest.

"Yes, that's Jim Kennedy," he said briefly.

"Oh! You do know him?"

"I've seen him. He may be going straight enough, but he's no chauffeur. He's a gambler. He had a gambling house and speakeasy up in the Forties at one time, and it was raided once too often. Dropped out of sight for a while, but he was mixed up in some shooting business last spring and had a close call."

"No, he isn't a gunman. Not his type. Oh, Willard!" This to the young man who had entered. "Find out when the Kennedy shooting happened. And anything else we may have."

In less than five minutes the young man called Willard was back.

"All right, Willard. M'm. Kennedy was shot on the night of May second, last. He was found lying beside a road in the outskirts of Ventura, California. Police inclined to credit it to a bootleggers' war. He pulled through but refused to name his assailant. Discharged from hospital in three weeks. That's all."

"There's no actual police record, outside of the raid on the Forty-Ninth Street house. I'd advise you to let me send an operative down to watch him."

"I don't think I want to go as far as that."

A brief movement of his head said that it was her business. He arose and opened the door for her.

"Please send the bill direct to me, in a plain envelope. I shouldn't want anyone to know that I've been inquiring. Thank you."

The man went back to his desk with a dry grin on his face.

"So that's old Ambrose's daughter. I'll bet she's a handful."

Cleo was already on her way to the public library.

"It probably wouldn't be in the New York papers," she reflected "but I'll look first. M'm. May second—say the third."

A sheet crackled as she bent suddenly forward. On the page in front of her was a picture of Anne Duane.

"I knew it! I was sure I had seen her somewhere! 'Nancy Curtis, as she appeared in Gypsy Love.'" Her eyes flicked on the news account.

"John Gage! Now I wonder . . . She frowned and went back to reading.

She wasn't drowned at all. She just disappeared. . . And her car went over the cliff the same night that Kennedy was shot, and she's afraid of him. Those two stories ought to connect somewhere. . . Maybe I'd better get the California papers."

Anne Duane had taken the man Cleo had meant to marry, and there were no rules in the fight to get him back.

Cleo pinched her lip and took a brief census of Granleigh. Gwenda adored Anne. . . nothing doing there. The Atwoods had taken her up, and so had the Westbrookes and Chisolms. But Fan Whittemore, six years older than her husband and looking it, hated every pretty girl that Ted looked at, and Ted never missed a chance to talk to Anne. Eddie Carver babbled everything she heard. There were plenty of others to catch a bright ball of rumor and toss it along.

Late that afternoon Cleo parked the blue roadster in front of the Fairfax house.

Gwenda was serving tea in the garden. Anne was lovely in a yellow frock. Ted Whittemore was dawdling near her chair. His wife sat a few feet apart, discontented, as usual. Barry was talking to Gwenda, some distance away. Anne looked up quickly.

Cleo waved carelessly to Gwenda and Barry and dropped into a chair near Anne.

"Hello, everybody. That's an awfully clever frock, Nancy. Do you know you're the image of somebody I saw in a play once? I knew as soon as I saw you that you reminded me of someone and it's just come to me as I caught sight of you in that yellow dress. The star or leading lady was sick, and they rushed this girl in. You could double for her, Nancy."

She saw Anne's finger tips whitened against the arm of her chair. They slowly relaxed again. "I suppose lots of people have doubles somewhere."

Fan's long eyes drifted from one

to the other, faintly satirical. "You're not very lucid, Cleo. If the girl made such an impression on you I should think you'd have remembered more about her."

"Darling, I'm not a card index. I suppose the star got well or something. Maybe she got the Hollywood fever."

She talked to Fan, but her eyes were on Anne. Anne swung her hat idly by the brim and smiled slightly.

Anne strolled away with Gwenda, wondering whether she had really talked or just babbled insanely.

Fan looked at Cleo. "We seem to have been tactless. Do you suppose there's anything in it?"

"No, of course not." Cleo shrugged back.

Fan looked disappointed. "But she's awfully secretive about her self, any way. Who were her people?"

"I don't know. She's never mentioned them to me."

"Really—" The inflection spoke volumes. "I thought you were so intimate."

"Oh we are, but Nancy never talks about herself or her family, or any of her old friends. Maybe she was unhappy, and hates to talk about it."

Fan's lip curled. "She must have been to have run off to some wild desert ranch."

The little hints that Cleo dropped spread like widening ripples in a

quiet pool. Two days later a tiny wave splashed at Mrs. Schuyler Duane's feet, in the form of careless voices on the other side of the garden hedge.

"This is the Duane place, isn't it? That girl Barry Duane married is a peach. Who was she?"

"Oh don't ask me!" The high titter belonged to Eddie Carver. "Somebody said she was a Hollywood extra, but nobody seems to know."

Mrs. Duane stood there, rigid with indignation.

Mrs. Duane heard the car drive in, and Anne's voice saying that she had

a horrible headache and was going up to her room.

That was Mrs. Duane's opportunity, but another car came. It was Cleo.

"I hope I'm not disturbing you, but I wanted to bring this book around. It's a lovely night for driving. It's Kennedy's night off, but I brought the roadster. . . Couldn't we have the lights out and sit here by the windows?"

(Continued Next Week.)

FLOWERS
For ALL OCCASIONS
MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP

ANNOUNCING
the opening of
The Merkel Tractor and Implement Co.
Handling Allis-Chalmers line of Tractors and Implements
Special Dreadnought Tractor Oil and Greases—Galvanized Tanks and Culverts—Watson Cottonseed and Texas Special Seed.
Five Gallons Dreadnought Tractor Oil to Be Given Away FREE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15
MILT A. DUNN, Manager
Location: Percy Jones Bldg., second door east of Chevrolet

WATCH YOUR KIDNEYS!
Be Sure They Properly Cleanse the Blood
YOUR kidneys are constantly filtering impurities from the blood stream. But kidneys get functionally disturbed—lag in their work—fail to remove the poisonous body wastes.
Then you may suffer nagging headache, attacks of dizziness, burning, scanty or too frequent urination, getting up at night, swollen feet and ankles, rheumatic pains; feel "all worn out."
Don't delay! For the quicker you get rid of these poisons, the better your chances of good health.
Use Doan's Pills. Doan's are for the kidneys only. They tend to promote normal functioning of the kidneys; should help them pass off the irritating poisons. Doan's are recommended by some of the country over. Get them from any druggist.
DOAN'S PILLS

DECEMBER
Sale!
No Space For Hot Air—Must Have Cash . . .
LOOK AT THESE RED HOT ITEMS

Garza Sheeting, yd.	30c	19c Dress Ginghams, yard	14c
36-inch Outing, yard	11c	One Lot Silk Dresses	\$2.95
36-inch Broadcloth, yard 12 1-2c		Men's \$1.50 Work Pants	\$1.29
36-inch Dress Prints, yard . .	12c	One Lot Children's Sweaters	49c
35c Suitings, yard	24c	Children's Taped Union Suits	35c
22c Dress Prints, yard	18c	Men's \$3.50 Oxfords	\$2.89
15c Shirting, yard	11c	Men's \$2.50 Oxfords	\$1.98
\$1.25 Part-Wool Sweaters	95c	One Lot Ladies' Oxfords	\$1.25
\$1.00 Sweaters	79c	89c Tennis Shoes	69c
\$2.49 Ladies' Suedine Jackets	\$1.89	One Lot Wash Dresses, values up to \$2.98	\$1.00
Ladies' Felt Hats	\$1.00	\$1.95 Suit Cases	\$1.00
Ladies' Coats	\$4.95	22 1-2c Mattress Tick	1.00
Work Shirts	46c	Ladies' Outing Gowns	69c
Men's \$1.25 Blue and Gray Work Pants	95c		

G. M. Presley
JEWELER
209 Pine • Abilene, Texas

W. J. SHEPPARD DRY GOODS
Merkel

WEAK AND SKINNY MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN
Saved by new Vitamins of Cod Liver Oil in tasteless tablets.
Pounds of firm healthy flesh instead of bare scraggy bones! New vigor, vim and energy instead of tired listlessness! Steady, quiet nerves! That is what thousands of people are getting through scientists' latest discovery—the Vitamins of Cod Liver Oil concentrated in little sugar coated tablets without any of its horrid, baby taste or smell. McCoy's Cod Liver Oil Tablets, they're called! "Cod Liver Oil in Tablets," and they simply work wonders. A little boy of 3, seriously sick, got well and gained 16½ lbs. in just one month. A girl of thirteen after the same disease, gained 1 lb. the first week and 3 lbs. each week after. A young mother who could not eat or sleep after baby came got all her health back and gained 10 lbs. in less than a month.
You simply must try McCoy's at once. Healthy you don't gain at least 5 lbs. of firm healthy flesh in a month get your money back. Returned and get McCoy's—No. 1000—sold every where. McCoy's Cod Liver Oil Tablets, they're called! "Cod Liver Oil in Tablets," and they simply work wonders. A little boy of 3, seriously sick, got well and gained 16½ lbs. in just one month. A girl of thirteen after the same disease, gained 1 lb. the first week and 3 lbs. each week after. A young mother who could not eat or sleep after baby came got all her health back and gained 10 lbs. in less than a month.
You simply must try McCoy's at once. Healthy you don't gain at least 5 lbs. of firm healthy flesh in a month get your money back. Returned and get McCoy's—No. 1000—sold every where. McCoy's Cod Liver Oil Tablets, they're called! "Cod Liver Oil in Tablets," and they simply work wonders.

RURAL SOCIETY

NOODLE H. D. C.

The Noodle Home Demonstration club met in regular session at the Baptist church on November 28. Business was taken up first, the principal feature being election of officers for 1935.

The following officers were elected to assume their new offices in the January meeting, which is the second Wednesday in January: president, Mrs. J. M. Williamson, re-elected; vice-president, Mrs. C. W. Seago, chairman of program committee; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. V. L. Merritt, re-elected; reporter, Mrs. Carl Jackson; council delegate, Mrs. Carl Bonneau; Farm and Ranch home food supply demonstrator, Mrs. C. C. Bristow.

Members of various committees will be appointed at the next meeting.

Under the direction of the program chairman, Mrs. Merritt, a program was rendered on the subject, "Know Your County." Miss Sue Bonner, C. H. D. A. of Jones county, gave a talk on "Relation of Farm Agent and Home Demonstration Agent to Commissioners Court." She brought some interesting facts.

Those attending this meeting were Mesdames L. R. Cade, J. M. Spurgin, E. B. Reece, Troy Sloan, J. M. Sloan, C. W. Seago, V. L. Merritt, J. M. Williamson, C. C. Bristow, Carl Bonneau, Carl Jackson and Miss Sue Bonner of Anson.

There will be no December meeting.

PARTY AT BLAIR.

Misses Catherine Osborn and Edith Akins were honorees at one of the smartest week-end parties of the season held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell at Blair on November 24.

Mesdames Hugh Campbell, R. B. Horton, Carl Hughes, Howard Windham and H. E. Addison were co-hostesses in entertaining some ninety guests that participated in this affair.

WEINER ROAST.

The Elm Grove community enjoyed a weiner roast on Sunday night, November 25, at which some forty were present.

Around a big bonfire weiners and marshmallows were roasted and games were played. Everyone had a big time.

ESKOTA H. D. C.

Mrs. D. I. Trent was hostess to members of the Woman's Home Demonstration club and the high school economics girls at the pantry achievement program held at her home Tuesday afternoon, November 27.

Officers were elected during the business hour as follows: Mrs. A. D. Johnston, president; Mrs. A. D. Dodson, vice-president; Mrs. Clayton C. Nichols, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. D. I. Trent, reporter.

Members and visitors viewed Mrs. Trent's food supply of over 500 containers and 54 different varieties of food.

An emergency shelf, a picnic lunch shelf and a shelf of foods for the sick room were displayed along with a shelf for refreshments for the different seasons and a liquid diet.

An attractive Christmas table was arranged with gifts from the pantry. A "canned meal" shelf was also very interesting, showing menus for six meals and the canned products needed to prepare the meals. In connection with this, there was canned food displayed for a light meal, as for a banker, a medium meal as for a housewife, and a heavy meal for a laborer.

The climax of the program came when Miss Evelyn Jennings, home demonstration agent, came and announced Mrs. D. I. Trent had won first place in Fisher county for first year pantry work, and Mrs. C. B. Johnston had won second place in the county for third year pantry work.

Delicious coconut pie, hot chocolate and cookies were served to the following during the social hour: Mesdames C. B. Johnston, L. E. F. Johnston, M. E. Trent, W. J. Farley, Clayton Nichols, Wiley SoRelle, A. D. Dodson, Offie Mathews, L. H. Utley, May Day and Misses Evelyn Jennings, Myrtle Scott, Ouida and Roberta Johnston, Minnie Mae Dodson, Myrtle Cooper, Vada B. Bullard and Elena O'Rear.

The next meeting place will be at the home of Mrs. M. T. Head on Tuesday afternoon, December 11. All members are urged to attend.

MERRY WORKERS.

Monday in the home of Moore, members of the club of Tye made a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Joe and their husbands. Business hour reports in meeting were presented by Rister and Miss while Mrs. Tom Moore of a candy demon-

stration which was held for the Pleasant Hill home demonstration club.

Those present were Mesdames Tom Moore, Wainey Rister, T. J. Hinds, Alfred Thomas, Edwin Patterson, Frank Smith, Ed Stegner, Milburn Warner, Fred Horton, Miss Laura Barnett, members, and Mrs. Newt Cranford and Mrs. Ernest Stevens.

ESKOTA 4-H CLUB.

The Eskota 4-H club met November 13 for re-organizing and Miss Clarice Duncan was elected president; Miss Myrtle Cooper, vice-president; Miss Roberta Johnston, secretary-treasurer, and Miss Ouida Johnston, reporter.

Those present were Misses Wilma Martin, Claudine Walker, Doris Marie Stevens, Clarice Duncan, Vada B. Bullard, Elena O'Rear, Rachel Heath, Celia Gamboa, Roberta and Ouida Johnston, and our demonstrator, Miss Evelyn Jennings.

The next meeting of the club will be held Thursday night, December 6, and will be our achievement program. A party will follow. All girls between 10 and 20 years of age are invited.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Hobdy and O. R. Carey attended the health meeting in Abilene Saturday.

Misses Louise and Ila Mae Butler of Tuscola are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McBride.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris and children, Leo and Sybil, visited with Mr. Harris' father in Wood county during Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Eason and son of Noodle, Mrs. Henry Eason and family and Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Henson and sons, all of Truby, enjoyed a turkey dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rogers entertained the young folks with a party Friday night.

The Union Ridge school children gave a nice Thanksgiving program last Wednesday night and they in turn received Thursday and Friday as holidays.

Miss Blanche Carey was home to spend last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey.

We are very glad to report that little Miss Jimmie Lee Traylor, who is in the Baptist sanitarium, is some better at this writing.

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

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Try a Classified Ad for Results.

BLAIR ITEMS

Rev. J. L. E. Walker, Blair pastor, preached an interesting sermon Sunday morning from Galatians 1:10 on the subject, "Witnessing to the Grace of God in the Heart of the Individual and the Church." Rev. Huston Scott of Abilene filled the pulpit Sunday evening, delivering a spiritual message from St. John 21:14.

Miss Clara Leo Peterson and Mr. Woodrow Patton were married November 30. Miss Peterson is the attractive and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Peterson and Woodrow, the industrious and deserving son of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Patton of Merkel. The couple will live at their home north of Merkel for the coming year.

The sixth and seventh grades will put on a two-act play, "Hands Up," a western comedy, at the school auditorium Friday night, December 7. Miss Margaret Thomas, the teacher, is director.

Miss Ruby Brown of White Church and friend, Miss Olene Moore, of the Divide, spent Thursday with Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Miss Margaret Thomas spent Thanksgiving with home folks at Bronte and was accompanied home by her brother, Bill Thomas, of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks and family have been attending the bedside of their son, Ernest Meeks, of Butman, who has been seriously ill for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and Mrs. Susie Doan visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan of Clyde Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Minnie Reeves of Knox City is visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Akins and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone at the present. Mrs. Reeves is looking after her property here.

Miss Sybil Smith, primary teacher, spent Thanksgiving with home folks at Abilene. Miss Thelma McAninch, junior teacher, also visited with her parents in Merkel Thanksgiving.

Miss Frances Russell returned home Sunday after a week's stay with relatives at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Alexander enjoyed a visit from their brother and family of Fort Worth last week-end.

Those enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer on Thanksgiving day when they entertained with a turkey dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Latimer and family of Nubia, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., of the Butman community, Odie Latimer and family of Blair, Mrs. Scott and son, A. D., of Nubia, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Polk and Clifton Davis of El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Miley Burrus and family of Plainview were guests Saturday night in the home of Johnnie Latimer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Spears from Albuquerque, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Hodges and son, H. C., Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Hodges of Merkel, Mr. and

Mrs. C. M. Spears, also of Merkel, Henry Spears and family of Valera, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Spears and two children, Norma and Aldon, of McCamey, and Mrs. L. E. Fulton of Lubbock spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears, here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton and children, Jimmie Bell and Reuben, and Jim Moore spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore of Tye.

Several from here attended services at Butman Sunday afternoon.

Uncle Johnnie Neighbors is doing jury service at Abilene this week.

Honor Roll

I. X. L. SCHOOL.

The following pupils of I. X. L. school are on the honor roll for the second month of school:

Second grade—Herbert Hughes, 92. Third grade—Adline Hughes, 91; Jannie Mae Reynolds, 93; Nina Joyce Riney, 93.

Fifth grade—Leo Reynolds, 92. Sixth grade—Mildred McLean, 94. Seventh grade—Margaret Thomas, 90; Willie Jo Riney, 90.

ELM GROVE.

Pupils on the honor roll at the Elm Grove school this month are:

Second grade—Dixie Atkins, 92. Eighth grade—Lucille Bates, 94 1-2.

R & R PALACE

Sweetwater

Friday-Saturday

Mae West in

"BELLE OF THE NINETIES"

Sunday-Monday

Ginger Rogers in

"THE GAY DIVORCEE"

Tuesday-Wednesday

Edmund Lowe in

"GIFT OF GAB"

Thursday Only

Jack Holt in

"BLACK MOON"

EXERA—EXTRA SPECIAL

Mel Roy's Midnite Spook Show

In Person on the Stage at

11:20

R. & R. RITZ

Friday-Saturday

Bob Steele in

"THE BRAND OF HATE"

Palace opens Sunday 2 p. m. and runs continuous. Complete show after 9 p. m.

CHRISTMAS CARDS OF DISTINCTION

We have just received the most beautiful array of CHRISTMAS CARDS and the largest assortment we have ever carried.

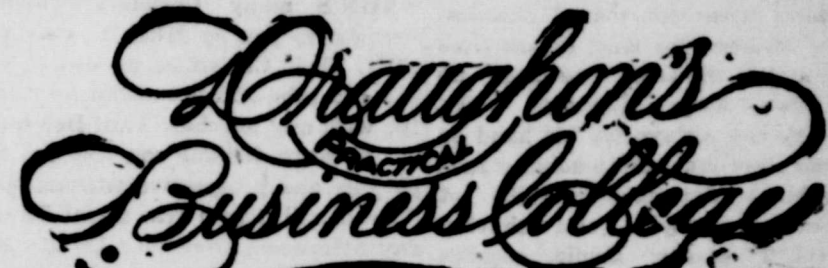
Over Forty Varieties to Select From Reasonably Priced

Also box of twenty-one Christmas Cards, each a different design

Without name, per box 95c With name printed, per box \$1.70

We invite you to come in and inspect these beautiful greeting cards or—if you like—call 61 and Miss Hallie Pike will bring a full assortment for you to choose from.

THE MERKEL MAIL



DALLAS LUBBOCK WICHITA FALLS ABILENE, TEXAS

\$150 MONTH Our Affiliated Employment Departments, in closer touch with thousands of business concerns than any other, has evolved a plan that enables many young people, still in their teens, to command salaries of \$1,500 to \$2,400 a year in positions that are golden with opportunities for still further promotion. Hundreds of positions annually to select from when you master the nationally known Draughon Training. Mail coupon for details of this unusual plan today.

Name Address Age (MM)

UP TO AND INCLUDING DEC. 31

THE MAIL

OFFERS THE FOLLOWING VERY LOW ANNUAL CLUBBING RATES:

Table with 2 columns: Publication Name and Price. Includes Abilene Morning News 1 Year (\$4.65), Merkel Mail 1 Year (1.00), Total (\$5.65), Both Papers 1 Year (\$5.15).

Table with 2 columns: Publication Name and Price. Includes Star Telegram, Daily and Sunday (\$6.60), Merkel Mail 1 Year (1.00), Total (\$7.60), Both Papers 1 Year (\$7.10).

Table with 2 columns: Publication Name and Price. Includes Dallas News, Daily and Sunday (\$7.50), Merkel Mail 1 Year (1.00), Total (\$8.50), Both Papers 1 Year (\$8.00).

Don't wait until the last minute, as renewal subscriptions will be extended a year in advance from date of expiration. Bring order to our office or mail check to

THE MERKEL MAIL

"Your Home Town Newspaper"

PICK 4 OF YOUR FAVORITE MAGAZINES

AND THIS NEWSPAPER - 1 FULL YEAR You Save Money on this Amazing Combination Offer 4 Leading Magazines and Your Favorite Newspaper

Advertisement for magazine subscription offer. Includes 'Pick 1 Magazine' and 'Pick 3 Magazines' options, a \$2.00 price tag, and lists of magazine titles under Group 1 and Group 2. Includes a coupon for ordering.

We Guarantee This Offer! USE THIS HANDY ORDER BLANK TODAY! Our arrangement with the publishers' own representative enables us to make you this remarkable offer. It is strictly guaranteed, and all subscriptions will be entered promptly. If you are at present a subscriber to any of the magazines, your time will be extended.

KNOW YOUR OWN SHOPS

By CHRISTINE COLLINS

'Twas the month before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring... But in the shops, what a glorious orgy of spending it represents! The wise Santa Claus won't wait until things are sold out and picked over—Don't think I'm "preaching," will you, when I say that many of us have forgotten the real beauty of Christmas giving... that here and there; (oh, I'm a culprit, too), we have thought more of the gift than the THOUGHT behind the gift... No matter how "lowly" the gift, it makes people happy... and brings them that beautiful old thought... "PEACE ON EARTH... GOOD WILL toward men."

Play Santa Claus with gifts of beauty and permanence. In BARROW FURNITURE COMPANY yesterday I was met with the gay holiday spirit in a big way! And here are some of the grand Christmas suggestions picked up in there... Occasional chairs any one of which would be a real and lasting pleasure to receive... tables, solid walnut, this gracious serviceable, occasion piece that fits itself into any room. Dowry chests—girls don't get too modern for "hope chests"—mirrors, antique and modernistic, table lamps, no home ever had too many! My brain used to simply get numb trying to think of something different for each man in my family, but here with so many practical things designed for men, it's no trick at all and at the same time dress up your own home—Magazine racks, where he can always lay his hand on just the right magazine, smoker stands and cabinets, Ottomans for solid comfort and medicine and shaving cabinets. These new studio couches have such intriguing possibilities... They can turn your living room into a guest room with single or twin beds at a moment's notice, AND their Christmas specials on Congoleum rugs are but a few of the smart gifts to be found at BARROW'S.

Some men are so hard to shop for! But I have a suggestion that is thoroughly masculine and at the same time will tickle their vanity—A man's secret pride is his automobile... Have you ever noticed how many men known for their veracity will stretch the truth about the accomplishments of their car? At the FORD MOTOR COMPANY I found, not dollars worth of usual trivia, but many jolly little gadgets for dressing up the family bus "that will have to do another year"—Illuminated license plate rims are NEW as are the chromium Bumper Bar Guards and a jigger to be attached to your original windshield wiper that's a beaut. For sister—radiator caps that are too swanky—for brother—one of those Medical Horns, WELL! You could certainly make 'em Move Over! For dad, a service of Eveready Prestone, a gen-

uine Ford battery; for mother, a genuine Ford radio or Ford heater—Give the Whole Family will enjoy the Year Round.

GOOD GRACIOUS! It's December! Think of it! Carlton, you got in on the mad rush—the many, many friends of Carlton Vick are so GLAD to welcome him back to town—This genial soda skeet, noted for his friendliness, comes back as the proprietor of the VICK DRUG COMPANY. Let's give him a big hand—He's doing things around there, too, believe you me—A registered pharmacist materialized suavely behind the counter and was introduced as Mr. J. W. Bounds of Waxahachie with over 20 years experience to add to Carlton's ambitions. I had a grand time watching them unpack a new shipment of "Evening in Paris," "Coty" and other toiletries—the most complete line I've seen in many a day in ladies' and men's toilet supplies, all in the thrilling Christmas boxes—Do you like them—too? Lovely Christmas wrappings? Christmas candies and gobs of other items too numerous to mention—Go in and see Carlton—you'll find that real "Come Again" welcome.

Sing a song of shoppers!
Poor, exhausted souls,
Struggling thru the Xmas aisles
In search of unknown goals.

How perfectly foolish when you can sit by your own fireside and look at AVON'S many Christmas specials brought to you by MRS. E. O. CARSON. Their Christmas present to you is a 52c tube of hand cream for only 10c with any purchase until December 31. As a pre-holiday courtesy to her patrons and prospective patrons Mrs. Carson will give a free facial Thursday afternoon, December 13, at her home during the hours from one to six.

If you feel that all you care to do is TO MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY BY HAVING THOUGHT OF THEM AT CHRISTMAS TIME... in the real old-fashioned way... The Merkel Mail has really the most marvelous selection of Christmas cards... telling the old, old story that your heart is filled with overflowing with its remembrance of many happy hours spent in "once upon a time" with a "real friend." It's such a little thing... the true Christmas spirit... of giving. And these beautiful cards do more than send you a message—their quotations are... OH... so applicable to the loved ones in mind. There is a box for 95 cents containing 21 cards, a most varied collection, pert, audacious, clever, and beautiful. Miss Hallie Pike is representing The Mail in this capacity and she will be so happy to call and show you samples... There is so much distinction in having your name overprinted... It's absolutely the smart thing. And this service is for the nominal sum of 75 cents a box, or up to 50 cards.

SOCIETY

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB

Miss Christine Collins was hostess Monday evening to members of the Fortnightly Study Club. A most inspirational program was led by Mrs. J. O. Lusby on the "Beginning of the Wars for Independence," herself discussing "English Activities in the La Plata in 1806-1807." "Efforts of the Independent Government at Buenos Aires to Dominate the La Plata Valley" was a special topic assigned Mrs. C. B. Gardner. "Bolivar's Early Career" was discussed by Mrs. W. S. J. Brown.

The second program was most ably led by Mrs. R. O. Pearson when she reviewed the life of "San Martin and His Leadership" on the lesson "Triumph of The Independence Movement." Mrs. R. A. Burgess told the club of "Bolivar's Success as a Liberator" and Mrs. W. L. Diltz gave the "Causes and Results of the Independence Movement in Brazil." Mrs. W. T. Sadler gave a parliamentary drill and one new member, Mrs. Duncan Briggs, was voted into the club.

Members present were Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, R. A. Burgess, W. L. Diltz, Lige Gamble, C. B. Gardner, R. I. Grimes, R. B. Irvin, Chas. Jones, Tom Largent, J. O. Lusby, F. C. McFarland, R. O. Pearson, W. T. Sadler, A. T. Sheppard, Henry West, Misses Evelyn Curb, Christine Collins, Dora Garoutte, Stell Ledger, Julia Martin, Helen Patterson, Johnnie Sears.

KING'S DAUGHTERS

Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt extended hospitality Tuesday afternoon to members of the King's Daughters Sunday School class with Mesdames Armstrong and Curb, co-hostesses with Mrs. Rainbolt in entertaining. A Christmas theme was carried out in readings by Little Misses Ada Belle Steele and Dorothy Jinkens; a paper on "Christmas Spirit" was read by Mrs. Allday and vocal solos were sung by Miss Eleanor Tucker and Mrs. McSpadden, Christine Collins playing their accompaniment. Mrs. McConnell gave two beautiful readings.

At the refreshment hour delicious cherry pie a la mode, potato chips, olives and coffee were served to Mesdames McConnell and Spurgin, Misses Dora Garoutte, Christine Collins, Eleanor Tucker, Ada Belle Steele and Dorothy Jinkens, who were visitors, and the following members: Mesdames Dry, Ellis, Sutphen, Watts, Durham, Hutcheson, Williams, Jinkens, McSpadden, Black, Allday, Hale, Russell and Golladay.

DELAYED SOCIETY

On Saturday evening, Nov. 24, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Pearson entertained with a most cleverly planned party, complimenting their house guests, who were Mr. and Mrs. Head and Mrs. Pearson's sister, Miss Dorothy Davis, all of Sweetwater. A football motif was emphasized in all party appointments, in tallies and in scoring. Refreshments were those to be bought in any grandstand at any big game. Contract bridge games progressed happily for Mr. and Mrs. Head, Miss Davis, Misses Stell Ledger, Helen Patterson, Johnnie Sears, Evelyn Curb, Mr. and Mrs. Briggs Irvin, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Lusby, Messrs.

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday was 742, as compared with 849 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 825 were present.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

All services as usual last Sunday. Our B. T. S. has taken on new life. There are more adult people taking an interest in the training service than ever before.

There will be an all-day workers meeting at Tye Thursday.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

We are getting from 5 to 6 new members in our Bible school each Sunday. We are urging every member to be present next Sunday. We are planning a Christmas program and tree.

We are teaching an interesting Bible school every Sunday afternoon from 3 to 4 o'clock.

Prayer meeting every Tuesday night. Singing every Tuesday night. We welcome you to our services.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors who were so kind and sympathetic in the illness and death of our little son and brother; especially do we want to thank Dr. Grimes and Mrs. Ruth Foster for their untiring efforts; and we take this means of expressing our thanks for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Stanford and Children.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m. This is the only service Sunday at our church, as it is pastor's day at Baird. Everyone is urged to attend and to be promptly on time, so that the Sunday School may be dismissed in time to attend service elsewhere.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 p. m.

You are cordially welcome to all these services.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

I was not able to be present last Lord's day, but from now on we will be here for all services. Sunday School attendance fell at last service, but let us not grow careless of our duty. "Come let us reason together saith the Lord," Isaiah 1:18.

Bible study begins promptly at 10 a. m. so that plenty of time will be given to both study and sermon. Preaching begins at 11 o'clock. The sermon for the morning hour is, "What is a Christian?" and the one to be discussed at 7 p. m. is, "Insurance for the Soul." Will you attend these services? We invite you one and all.

Flavil R. Yeakley, Minister.

Ralph Duke, Herbert Dennis and Wrenn Durham.

Christmas Bargain Festival begins today at Bragg Dry Goods Company. Be sure to read our double page circular.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

Abilene Voters Give West Texas Utilities Hearty Endorsement

Abilene, Dec. 6.—In no uncertain terms the voters of Abilene, on Saturday, November 24, gave their approval and vote of confidence to the West Texas Utilities company in a special election to determine the attitude of the citizens toward (1) the building of a municipal plant, (2) the granting of another franchise to an individual, and (3) the attitude of the people toward their present electric rates for service furnished by the West Texas Utilities company. The question of municipal ownership was defeated by a majority of over 3 to 1 with 1269 voting against a municipal oil engine plant and only 397 voting for same. The vote on the granting of another franchise to an individual, O. D. Dillingham, who proposed to lower rates, was defeated 4 to 1. On the third question, the citizens voted they were satisfied with present rates by a majority of 2 1-2 to 1.

The vote clearly indicated the public sentiment in Abilene and gave a splendid endorsement to the West Texas Utilities Company's policies.

Christmas Bargain Festival begins today at Bragg Dry Goods Company. Be sure to read our double page circular.

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

ELI CASE GROCERY

"The Home of Good Groceries" Phone 234 Prompt Service

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY

FLOUR	MEAT SALT
Bewley's Best 48 lb. sacks \$1.95	KILN DRIED 100 lbs. \$1.05
Yukon's Best 48 lb. sacks \$1.95	Morton's Sugar Curing
Queen of West 48 lb. sacks \$1.85	SMOKE SALT 10 lb. can 80c
Light Crust 48 lb. sacks \$2.10	SAUSAGE SEASONING
Elveijo 48 lb. sacks \$1.55	LARD CANS

Sunbrite Cleansor 4 CANS 19c

Graham Crackers National Excel 2 Lb. Box 21c	Crackers Excel Saltines 2 Lb. Box 19c
----------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------

Peanut Butter 2 LB. QT. JAR 31c

Salmons A good one Tall cans 2 Cans For 25c	
Peaches No. 2 1-2 can Packed in Heavy Syrup 2 Cans For 35c	
Sugar Pure Cane Cloth bag 25 Lb. \$1.33	

Bananas Golden Fruit Doz. 15c	Apples Delicious, Med. Size Doz. 15c
-------------------------------	--------------------------------------

Oranges Miss. Sweet and Full of juice 2 DOZ. 25c

Beans, lb. 10c	Jumbo Size Celery, stalk 15c	Large firm heads Lettuce, each 5c	Green heads Cabbage, lb. 3c	Fresh Co'nuts, 3 for 25c	Large Tex. seedless Grape Fruit 5c
HOLIDAY ITEMS					
Dromadary Mix, 1 lb. 1-2 oz. Fruit Cake 50c					
Recipe Brand Marshmalows, 1 lb. 20c					
Pure Sugar Stick Candy, 1 lb. pk. g. 20c					
High Quality—16 ounces Pitted Dates, pkg					
White Swann Red Cherries 50c					
No. 1 Grade Walnuts, per lb.					

Save Money on This Clubbing Rate

ABILENE MORNING NEWS

and

MERKEL MAIL

Both Papers, one year, for

\$5.15

LET US SEND YOUR ORDER IN

THE MERKEL MAIL



Don't wait another minute! Never before and perhaps never again can these wonderful magazines be obtained so low with your home newspaper.

CLUB No. D-3
Progressive Farmer, 1 year
Dixie Poultry Journal, 1 year
Home Friend, 1 year
Country Home, 1 year
Everybody's Poultry Magazine, 1 yr.
AND THIS NEWSPAPER For One Year **\$1.50**

CLUB No. D-4
Southern Agriculturist, 1 year
Everybody's Poultry Magazine, 1 yr.
Gentlewoman Magazine, 1 year
Country Home, 1 year
Illustrated Mechanics, 1 year
AND THIS NEWSPAPER For One Year **\$1.50**

MORE FOR YOUR MONEY

CLIP THIS COUPON TODAY!

Yes—MR. EDITOR, Send Bargain No. _____ to _____
Name _____
Town _____
State _____ R.F.D. _____
Bring or mail this Coupon to our office today—NOW