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BADGERS BOW TO PLOWBOYS' SUPERIORITY

Roscoe Boys Strong in Every Department of Game; Down the Locals 30 to 0; But Dye Kept Up His Punting Average.

The Roscoe Plowboys, favorites to repeat as sectional champions, defeated the Badgers Monday by the overwhelming score of 30 to 0, the Plowboys having the advantage over the Badgers in every department of the game except punting.

Merkel penetrated the Roscoe twenty-yard line only once, while the visitors counted five penetrations. The visitors scored in the early part of the game, with Wallace Gray, star halfback, counting four of the five tallies made. Marth, the quarterback, made the last touchdown. Try for extra point failed each time.

The Plowboys exhibited good offensive and defensive football during the entire game. In the last quarter as usual, the trailing Badgers opened up their aerial attack, but it appeared that the players on the receiving end could not connect. The visitors were more successful in passing.

Statistics of the game reveal that Roscoe marked up 15 first downs to Merkel's 4. They gained 179 yards on running plays to Merkel's 53. The visitors completed four passes out of 9 attempts for a gain of 63 yards, while the Badgers made good but one of their 19 tries, making it effective, however, for 33 yards.

While Marth averaged 38 yards on punts, Dye bettered that with an average of over 40 yards, keeping up his splendid punting record for the season.

Two of the most spectacular plays of the game were made by the visitors, when Marth ran back two of Dye's punts, one for 57 yards and the other 40. Grimes broke into the line and intercepted a pass for a

R. R. Clark, Victim Of Heart Attack

Funeral services for R. R. Clark, 55, long-time resident of Merkel, were held from the Church of Christ at a late hour Monday afternoon, conducted by Minister A. J. Rollings of the Church of Christ, assisted by Elder O. J. Adcock. Interment was in Ross Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Joe Stalls, R. T. Gray, Elmer Adcock, V. A. Lee, O. W. Paine and Mr. Hedrick of Sweetwater.

Mr. Clark died unexpectedly at his home here Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Death resulted from a heart involvement, following an illness of three days.

Surviving Mr. Clark are his wife, the former Vera Bland, and their two young sons, R. V. and Dorman; five children by a former marriage, Mrs. Alta Ward of Winters, Mrs. Nannie Dickson, Pete and Floyd Clark of Phoenix, Ariz., and Roy Clark of Merkel; three sisters, Mrs. Nellie Belt, Mrs. Lucy Lindsey and Miss Velma Clark of Wichita Falls; three half-brothers, Arthur Clark of Abilene, O. Clark of Fort Worth and Lawrence Wills of Donna; five half-sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Clark of Roswell, N. M., Mrs. Willie Walker and Miss Jessie Clark of Sweetwater, Mrs. Ida Wiggins of San Rafe, N. M., and Mrs. J. A. Bland of Sweetwater.

Mr. Clark's first marriage was to Miss Nora Myers, on Nov. 13, 1904. She died in 1914, and he was married to Miss Bland Mar. 4, 1921.

Officers Elected By Butman P. T. A.

When patrons of the Butman school met Monday night, Oct. 26, to organize a P. T. A., the following officers were elected: Mrs. Houston Marjine, president; Mrs. Ben Butman, vice-president; Mrs. R. W. Johnson, secretary; Mrs. A. D. Scott and Mrs. W. H. Ensminger, program leaders; Homer Newby, chairman of debates; Mrs. Tom Russom, reporter.

The Butman school is progressing nicely under the direction of Misses Ruth Weathered and Eunice Little, teachers.

The first program after the organization of the P. T. A. will be rendered by the children. Everybody is urged to attend these meetings and help create more life and interest in the school.

TO PLAY NEXT BADGER GAME ON SATURDAY

Owing to the fact that the Badgers had already played one game this week—with Roscoe on Monday—the contest originally scheduled to be played here with Snyder Friday of this week has been moved up to Saturday.

The Tiger-Badger match will begin at 2 p. m. promptly, it is announced.

While the Badgers have fought every contest gamely and desperately, they entered Monday's game with the Plowboys as underdogs and will have the same handicap when they face Snyder on the coming Saturday.

These two teams, both as yet undefeated, will meet on Nov. 6, and as Roscoe is not scheduled this week and Snyder will assuredly defeat the Badgers, the match between the two will prove crucial in naming the winner in district 6-B.

At present Snyder has three victories and Roscoe, two. After the Merkel game, Snyder plays Roscoe and Colorado, while the Plowboys have three other games—with Loraine, Rotan and Roby on its list.

Largents Show Best 10-Head in Hereford Show at Centennial

C. M. Largent and Sons were Wednesday awarded the trophy for the best ten head in the all-Texas Hereford show at the Texas Centennial exposition at Dallas.

The best ten head class closed the two-day judging.

The Merkel breeders, whose herds have walked off with scores of first place money in all the major livestock shows of the country for the past 20 years or more, won more classes than any other exhibitor at the Texas show. In addition to producing the reserve champion cow, Largent and Sons won 11 first places, eight second places and two third places.

Attend Funeral of Cousin at Aspermont

Miss Sally Orr and her brother, Will Orr, went to Aspermont Monday to attend the funeral of their cousin, H. L. Orr, 62, who died of injuries received in an accident at Mineral Wells.

Services were held at the Methodist church in Aspermont, with Woodie Holden of the Church of Christ of Hamlin in charge, assisted by Rev. Atticus Webb, Methodist minister of Aspermont.

Mr. Orr died in a Mineral Wells hospital Sunday. He was injured Thursday when a tire blew out on a pick-up in which he was riding and caused the machine to overturn.

Survivors are his wife and two daughters, Mrs. C. D. Viertel of Aspermont and Miss Louise Orr of Fort Worth.

Other relatives from out of town present for the funeral, besides the cousins in Merkel, were: Clint Shirley, Oscar Brady and Lon Coone, of Fort Worth, and Newt Whitehorn of Dallas.

Guinn Tipton Dies of Injuries in Crash

William Guinn Tipton, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tipton of Sweetwater, died at a Sweetwater hospital at 9:22 p. m. last Friday from injuries received late the same afternoon when the automobile in which he was crossing the Broadway of America about a mile east of the city limits of Sweetwater was struck by another machine.

Funeral services were held from Grace Presbyterian church here at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, with Rev. Eugene Surface of Waxahachie, Dr. E. B. Surface of Abilene and Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the local church, officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Six of Guinn's uncles served as pallbearers: B. M. Tipton, Lee Tipton, Charles Tipton, P. A. Diltz, Merkel, and W. L. Diltz, San Angelo, and Seth Diltz, Sweetwater.

Born in Merkel, he was a graduate of Lamesa high school and a former student in McMurry college at Abilene and Trinity college, Waxahachie. He and his father were operating an oil distributing agency in Sweetwater.

Survivors, besides the parents, are the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Tipton of Merkel; a brother, Jimmy Tipton, and a sister, Ann Tipton. He was a grandson also of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Sr., pioneer citizens of Merkel.

HOME TALENT MUSICAL SHOW TUESDAY, NOV. 3

Strong Cast of Players Will Present "Coast to Coast" as Benefit for Cemetery Fund; Place, High School Gym.

Rehearsals are progressing most favorably for the three-act musical comedy, "Coast to Coast," which is to be presented at the High School gymnasium on Tuesday night, Nov. 3, under the direction of Miss Jo Langenfeld. Curtain at 8:07 p. m.

As sponsors for the entertainment, the Merkel Home Demonstration club has named the cemetery fund as the beneficiary and the proceeds from the show will be used to help beautify the cemetery grounds.

In addition to a strong cast of players, a singing and dancing chorus of thirty has been selected from the High School girls and there will also be specialties by the best local talent available.

The price of admission will be 10 and 25 cents. Tickets may be secured in advance at the Merkel Drug company.

The cast of characters:

Madam Hycenia, Mrs. Harry Barnett. Don Palmer, Oscar Adcock, Jr. Pete Perkins, Louis Carson. Jean Bosworth, Margaret Callaway. Titus Pennyback, Tom Allday. Trixie Trimble, Gladys Mashburn. Sampson, B. E. Tucker. Jack Skinner, E. B. Wallace. Louie Decker, Merle Thornton. Percival Snell, J. Parker Sharp. Lizzie Lullerlitt, Billy Nelson. Colonel Rows, Charles H. Jones.

Popularity Contest Creates Wide Interest

Who will be Merkel's most popular children? The Home Demonstration club in conjunction with the home talent musical comedy, "Coast to Coast," that will be presented in the High School gym on Tuesday evening, Nov. 3, is conducting a child popularity contest, the contestants being limited to the ages 2 to 6.

Posters in merchants' windows, or inside the store, give the name of the child being sponsored by that merchant. Inside is a container for pennies. The contest closes at 4 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon, and the little boy and little girl having the highest number of pennies in the container beside their poster will each win a cash prize.

All contestants will be presented and winners announced at "Coast to Coast," at the High School gym on Tuesday night. Admission 10 and 25 cents.

Following is a list of the contestants and the merchants sponsoring each: Sue Mayfeld, Woozy's cafe; Sandra Sadler, Merkel Drug; Patricia Swann, Reid Variety; Joy Frances West, Mellinger's; Bobby Hodges, Queen Theatre; Harold Hughes, Jones Dry Goods; Topper Largent, Bob's Barber shop; Billy Mack Sheppard, Bragg Dry Goods; Leland Mundy, Vick Drug.

Halloween Carnival At Goodman School

On Friday night of this week, a carnival featuring Halloween colors and attractions and sponsored by the P. T. A., will be held at the Goodman school ground.

Booths will be packed with fruits and candies, and there will be witches and fortune-tellers and loads of other fun and amusements. Music has also been arranged, and two basketball games will follow later in the evening.

The proceeds will go to the benefit of the school.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stout, Nubia, Sunday, October 25, 1936. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boyd, Monday, October 26, 1936.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sandusky, residing south of town, Thursday, October 29, 1936.

Mrs. Rohde Resumes Tour. Washington, Oct. 29.—Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen Rohde, daughter of William Jennings Bryan and former United States minister to Denmark, who has been in a hospital since Sept. 21 with a broken leg, left the hospital Tuesday to resume her speaking tour in behalf of President Roosevelt.

SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS FOR KILLING WIFE

Clarence Duncan, Trent Farmer, Found Guilty of Murder in Farm House Fire; Also Under 10-Year Sentence.

A jury in 42nd district court Saturday returned a verdict finding Clarence Duncan, young Trent Farmer, guilty of murder in the death of his first wife, Mrs. Mary Jones Duncan, when their farm home near Trent burned Apr. 11, 1935, and sentenced him to 25 years in the penitentiary.

Mary Duncan's body was found in the ashes of their home, the state contending that he beat the woman to death with a monkey wrench before setting fire to the house.

A jury in Sweetwater had the week before convicted Duncan of killing G. H. Jones, Trent filling station operator, and set punishment at ten years in prison.

Sentence was formally passed Wednesday by Judge M. S. Long in the wife murder case. Duncan had previously been carried to Sweetwater after conviction in 42nd district court and there sentenced to 10 years for the other murder.

He will be held in the Abilene jail until his transfer to Huntsville, which will probably be late this week.

Girl Scouts Organize With Twelve Members

The Girls Scouts of Merkel were organized Oct. 14 at the studio of Mrs. G. W. Wilhite with the election of the following officers: Becky Gardner, secretary; Geraldine Teague, treasurer; Dorothy Shannon, song leader; Louise Patterson, pep leader; Sue Grimes, scribe.

On Oct. 21 the troop hiked to Douglass bridge and back to meet the mile-hike requirements for the tenderfoot classification. While on the hike, the girls were taught fire-building by the captain. No paper, kerosene or "such" were used, and each girl was allowed only two matches.

On Oct. 28 the girls met in Mrs. Wilhite's studio and each girl told her "pet animal" story. This was a tenderfoot requirement. The girls also learned "The Scout Chant" and "Taps."

The Girl Scouts meet each Wednesday from 4:15 to 5, and it is a strict rule for the meetings to begin and end on time. The scouting age is 10 to 16, and new members will be welcomed. Dues are 50 cents per year. There are twelve members now.

The Girl Scout committee consists of Mesdames F. Y. Gaither, Dee Grimes and John Shannon. Three more mothers are needed to complete the committee. Any mother or woman over 21 years of age interested in becoming a member of the committee is asked to see the Scout Captain, Mrs. G. W. Wilhite, at once.

Six Amendments Up For Consideration

Next Tuesday, Nov. 3, is the date for the general election when voters exercise their franchise to choose their favorites from president to constable.

Sam Swann is presiding judge for the Merkel voting precinct, but had not completed the list of his assistants nor named the place of holding the election up to Thursday morning.

Six amendments to the state constitution will be submitted at the same time, chief interest centering in the two proposing increases in salaries for state offices and proposing a retirement fund for teachers.

Merkel to Sponsor Radio Half Hour

The committee from the Lions club appointed last week has indicated to Gene Heard, program director of KRBC, that Merkel will use the third in the series of "Know Your West Texas" radio half hours, which will be Thursday night, Nov. 19, and a suitable program is being arranged for that date.

Falls Two Stories, Unhurt.

Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 29.—Ten-month-old Katherine Eskew fell out of a second story window Monday. Taken to an emergency hospital, Katherine, bawling lustily, was pronounced unhurt.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Governor James V. Allred has proclaimed Nov. 4 as Will Rogers day, in memory of the fifty-seventh anniversary of the late humorist's birthday.

A peanut that was swallowed 14 days ago and lodged in his lung brought death Tuesday to Donlad Roy Scott, 18-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Scott, of Galveston.

A head-on collision at Mineral Wells killed W. E. Godfrey, and his mother, Mrs. W. C. Godfrey, of Sweetwater. Their coupe, in passing a truck, skidded and hit an approaching truck.

The thinly clad bodies of Floyd Carmon, 11, and Olander Carmon, 15, were found Friday in a pasture 15 miles north of Nocona. They died of exposure, Texas' first victims of the winter.

Injuries received in a high school football game at Crosby killed Viry Fontent, 18, player on the Crosby team. He died of a cerebral concussion incurred in a tackle, hospital attendants said.

A \$24 Harris county warrant issued 65 days ago was presented for payment Monday. The warrant was presented by Elmer Johnson, who said it was given to his grandfather, J. W. Johnson, for jury service.

One day's oil deals in Hidalgo county last week represented sale of property valued at \$2,132,000, and revenue stamps for \$2,132 were issued at Edinburg, the county seat. Most of the large sum involved was paid for oil storage.

Doris Merle Hollingshead, ten-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hollingshead, drowned Saturday afternoon in a container for refuse in the kitchen at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Key, of Potosi.

While on a hunting trip Monday afternoon one mile west of Heath, near Rockwall, Emmett Dunn, 18, son of Mrs. Eik Dunn of Heath, was killed instantly when a rifle held by a companion discharged, accidentally striking Dunn in the chest.

Three young people were killed and three injured near Madisonville Saturday night, when their automobile crashed into a parked truck. The dead: Donald Clapp, 22; Cleon Elliott, 24, and Miss Hattie Roark, 24. The party was en route to a dance.

Two hundred workmen Monday began pouring concrete into the base for the 564-foot shaft which is to be a memorial to General Sam Houston's fighting Texans on the San Jacinto battlefield. The workmen will toil in three daily shifts for 80 hours and the base will be one solid piece of concrete.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, October 27, 1916.)

Lee Eason, of Route 2, returned from the Fair Tuesday morning with D. D. Coats and others who have seen the sights and helped to swell the crowds in Dallas.

Messrs. Raymond Touchstone and Ennis Grimes sat in the big grand stand at Dallas Sunday and watched the auto races from an advantageous point whilst the racing kings covered miles in less than minutes.

Miss Ruth Mims left last week for an extended visit with relatives in Naacogoches. She plans to be away until after Christmas.

OLD TIMER IS BACK.

T. M. Clinton, a resident of the Merkel country from 1885 until 1906, is here visiting his sons, G. I. Clinton of Nubia, W. O. Clinton of Route 3 and D. M. Clinton of Trent. While here he is enjoying talks with many old timers like Capt. J. T. Tucker, L. E. Perkins, Sam Butman, Thos. Warren and numerous other neighbors to Mr. Clinton when he lived here.

When Mr. Clinton first arrived in Merkel the town consisted of a box car depot, the agent being also a postmaster. There were three or four houses and an awful lot of vacant space 'round about here.

Dr. and Mrs. O. F. McMaster have returned from an extended visit in California. From the travels and surmised conditions of the West, Dr.

PENSION TAXES OKEHED; LAW IS DELIBERALIZED

Conference Report Passes Both Houses; Amendment to Omnibus Bill Designed to Limit Qualifications Retained in Act.

Austin, Oct. 29.—The house of representatives overwhelmingly approved a conference report Tuesday on an omnibus tax bill to raise revenue for old age assistance and to deliberalize the Texas pension law.

The vote of 100 to 45 came after days of caustic argument over drastically revising the law. The senate had previously adopted the report, and the action of the lower house paved the way for speedy sine die adjournment of the special session, which followed shortly before midnight.

Governor Allred called the 30-day session originally to provide new money for old age assistance, funds for which were near exhaustion, and to set up a state system of unemployment compensation, but a few days ago came out strongly for deliberalization also. Both houses had previously passed a bill creating the unemployment insurance plan.

The omnibus bill will become a law immediately upon the signature of the governor, which will be Nov. 2, it was announced. Governor Allred stated that it would cause unnecessary work in the comptroller's office should the act become effective so near the end of the month. Hence, he will leave the signing of the bill to Lieut.-Governor Woodul in the absence of the governor while on a speaking tour in New Mexico.

Rain, Cold Weather Curtail Ginnings

Continued rains and cold weather combined to interrupt cotton picking during the past week, only 126 bales having been turned out in the six gins at Merkel and those at Stith, Blair and Noodle.

Ginnings for the season at these nine plants so far run 8,714 bales.

Year's Rainfall Now Over Thirty Inches

Week-end rains continuing most of Thursday and Friday, with intermittent showers on Saturday, registered precipitation amounting to 2 1-2 inches, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale. This was the only rainfall during the month of October, bringing the year's total to 30 7-8 inches.

McMaster is strongly in belief that President Wilson will be re-elected and claims that California will undoubtedly go in the democratic columns by a goodly majority. Here's hoping that Doctor was in a condition to fully understand what was going on while he was in this great wine-producing state.

Former Legislator from Lamar county, J. C. Mason, who now hails from here, is the gentleman driving a Buick roadster throughout our streets the last few days. A series of several days unrest by Mr. Mason were indulged in just prior to the purchase of the car. He had the money and the inclination and it began raining just at the time he started to plank down the coin. A few days of wet weather did not dampen his ardor and when the sun shone out and the roads cleared up he had the car.

Golden Wedding Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Grayle. Request the pleasure of your company Saturday evening, October 21 in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Calhoun Provine's Golden Wedding.

1866 1916 Mr. Mercer, known to his numerous friends as "Dad Mercer," arrived Thursday from California.

Miss Emma Mae Mashburn of Woodroof's millinery department has been very sick the past week.

Vocal Duet From Merkel Scheduled In Amateur Contest

Misses Pearl and Thelma Mathews of Merkel are to appear on the Sweetwater amateur contest Saturday night, it has been announced by the Board of City Development, sponsoring organization. They will be presented in vocal duet.

Two other numbers from Taylor county are scheduled for this second contest. They are the four Spinks children of Trent—Lena, Mattie Belle, Patricia Jean and Robert—in a string band ensemble; and the Cousins Trio of the Caps community—Jean Quattlebaum, Verlyn Blanks and Louise Darley. They will sing.

Contestants from six counties will appear on the Saturday night program, representing Taylor, Jones, Fisher, Scurry, Mitchell and Nolan counties. They are expected to attract a capacity crowd to the Sweetwater municipal auditorium.

Winners of this contest, as in the first held two weeks ago, will get cash prizes of \$15 first, \$10 second and \$5 third. In addition, they will take part in a 30-minute broadcast program over Station KRBC at Abilene on Nov. 5.

Entries for the third contest, to be held Nov. 14, are now being received by the Sweetwater Board of City Development. Among those who have entered the third contest is Miss Helen Heeter of Merkel, singer of popular songs.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

Published every week right at Washington, D. C., the capital of the nation and news center of the world, the Pathfinder has a tremendous advantage over all other magazines. That is why we are happy to offer the Pathfinder in combination with the Merkel Mail at the big bargain price of only \$1.60. Leave your order at our office or mail it in promptly. We will gladly show you a sample copy of the Pathfinder if you wish, but the important thing is, don't let this chance slip!

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BLAIR ITEMS

The weather has kept us jumping lately. About the time everybody decided that winter had come for sure, it turned warm again. Some days the past week were almost too warm for comfort, but a week-end norther came up, accompanied by rain, and it's cold again. On most farms three weeks of fair weather had seen picking pretty well advanced; another week and it will be nearly all out, except the part that has not opened. Frost will be necessary before all the bolls will crack open.

Pat Addison attended the funeral services of his brother, Bill Addison, at Valera, last week.

Several from here attended funeral services of R. R. Clark at Merkel Monday. Mr. Clark formerly lived here. Deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

R. E. Windham has been on the sick list the past week. His health has not been of the best of late. We hope, however, for a complete recovery soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wilson and charming little daughter, Johnnie Lee, of Red Spring, attended the bedside of the latter's sister, Mrs. R. B. Horton, last week-end.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell and son, R. B. Horton and Criswell Doan motored over to Snyder hospital Sunday and accompanied Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and son, Billie D., who had been a patient there the past week, to Grogan Well sanitarium, Sweetwater,

for treatment for an indefinite time. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer and family and brother, Mr. Sowels, left the past week to visit relatives in Arizona and New Mexico for an indefinite time.

A going-away compliment was paid Odell Latimer and sister, Miss Evelyn, by their friends on Oct. 20. This lovely affair was given by Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Peterson. Games were played and a large crowd of young people enjoyed the hospitality.

Rev. Roy Anding, Baptist pastor,

is to fill his regular appointment on Sunday, Nov. 1.

Mrs. Eula Provine and daughter, Miss Nola, of Merkel, visited Mr. and Mrs. Luther Orsborn Sunday.

Hugh Campbell and Carl Doan made a business trip to Trent Monday.

Jim Maddera has been doing jury service at Abilene this week.

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Without oxygen man cannot live. Without oxygen, fuel cannot burn. Therefore, if your family "huddles" in

one or two rooms around an open flame heater during cold weather with the doors and windows tightly closed, you are violating all the rules of nature, good health and good heating. Sooner or later the occupants of the room and the burning fuel reduce the oxygen content to the point where the room air becomes stale. Without adequate ventilation and circulation the air indoors may become as foul and unhealthy as that of the tenement slums of large cities, even though your home may be the most beautiful in the neighborhood.

A simple and easy method of providing a constant circulation of fresh air is found by opening a window in each room slightly. Connecting doors left open between adjoining rooms when the entire house is adequately heated provide a natural circulation of pure warm air from one room to another.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Ted Parish and children of Sweetwater were guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Norwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor and baby of Sonora are spending a few days with J. B. Winn and family.

A party of friends shopping in Abilene Tuesday afternoon included Mesdames Alex Williamson, J. B. Winn, Sr., and C. T. Beckham.

Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Norwood were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge and son, also Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Cox of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lane and sons, Messrs. Jess and Bobbie, were passing visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Norwood Monday en route to their home in Knott after attending the funeral of Mr. Lane's sister, Mrs. C. M. Robertson, 65, of Oplin.

Little Miss Joanna Ray Taylor of Sonora is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn, while her parents are attending the Centennials in Dallas and Fort Worth this week.

Mrs. Joe Nalley visited relatives in Putnam Tuesday.

Mrs. Harold Bowles and son and Mr. and Mrs. Clois Edwards and children were guests of relatives in Anson Sunday.

Weldon Mac Springer was brought home Sunday to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Springer, from Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, where he had received treatment.

Miss Viola Smith, employed in Tarzan, was a week-end visitor with home folks.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Robert Waller, student minister from A. C. C., had charge of the morning service at the Church of Christ Sunday. He brought an inspirational message on "Christian Living."

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL.

There will be spooks galore, and prevailing bats of torment will hold a secret rendezvous in the high school auditorium Friday night. Be sure and bring your pennies and vote for your favorite beauty. The athletic department will benefit by your generosity.

PARTY FOR JUNIOR SET.

(Omitted Last Week.)
The junior set of young people were given a party Saturday evening at the Boora apartments by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Taylor. A "serve yourself" system was used throughout the evening, the boys and girls presenting their own entertainment features. They also prepared the refreshments before the games and contests and

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each passed in "line" to serve themselves to ice cream and cookies.

Following an evening of fun and frolic, the guests at a late hour bade adieus to their charming hosts. Those present were: Elsie Bishop, R. E. Armstrong, Dorothy Jo Strawn, Squeaky Wilson, Dorothy Martin, A. C. Terry, Jr., Dow Williamson, Lois Orand, Betty Lou Howell, Leonard Storey, Hazel Wanda Williamson, Auda V. Rogers, James Strawn, Nalle James, Woody Howell, Sarah Wilson, Valerie West, Christine McLeod, Vivian Gordon, Kirby Steadman, Gladys Stribling, Ellery Smith, Jr., Kenneth Burkhart, Paule Good and Billie Joe Bowers.

FACULTY PARTY.
(Omitted Last Week.)

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson were charming hosts to the faculty of the public school with a "hobo stew" Monday evening. This lovely affair was held out of doors in the rock garden of the Williamson home.

A short program was rendered including readings by Mrs. Merton Bell, teacher, and Miss Johnnie Roberts.

Home-made stew was served with cake and salads from a "washpot" ladeed with a gourd, heirloom of the Beckham family.

Informal conversation brought this party to a close. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Merton Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Taylor, Miss Hermal Glasgow, Miss Payne and Mrs. O. L. Reaves.

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ESKOTA NEWS

(Omitted Last Week.)

The Eskota singing class met Sunday evening, Oct. 18. We were glad to welcome visitors from other communities.

Mrs. S. C. Wilson, who lives in Burleson, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rudd and little son, Edwin, visited in the home of Mr. Rudd's brother, Herbert Rudd, who lives in Palava.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Head and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson in the White Flat community.

The teachers, Mr. T. C. Blankinship, Misses Blankinship, Smith and Hale attended the teachers meeting held in Roby on Saturday, Oct. 17.

Mrs. C. B. Johnston and daughters, Roberta, Ouida and Marian, visited in Roby Saturday.

Mrs. Will Patton and sons, Floyd and Melton, visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rogers of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnston and daughters, Roberta, Ouida and Marian, spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter McElmurray of White Flat.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Dubose of Moody spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walker.

At this writing we are sorry to state that R. J. Anderson is not much improved.

Mrs. D. I. Trent visited on Friday with her mother who lives in Merkel.

Mrs. W. H. Hale visited with friends in Trent for a few days.

As most of the cotton in our community is picked, we are expecting a better attendance in school.

Mrs. T. G. Hamner of Trent spent the week with her mother, Mrs. Connie SoRelle.

Rev. Mr. Matthews preached in the

Church of Christ last Sunday. A fair attendance was reported. Every one is urged to attend.

C. W. Morgan and Cleo Heath left Monday for the Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hale and little daughter spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kiser of Stamper.

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Move Campbell Stock To Lamesa Location

Stock and fixtures of Campbell's grocery and market were being loaded Thursday for shipment to Lamesa where the proprietor, Tracy Campbell, will open a grocery about the first of November in a building he recently leased there.

Mrs. Campbell and children will join her husband Friday, when their household goods are shipped.

As operator of one of Merkel's leading grocery stores, it is with regret that the citizens and business men of Merkel lose Tracy and his family to the thriving city on the Plains.

FFA Chapter to Put On School Programs

At the meeting of the Merkel Future Farmers held Tuesday night, Oct. 13, there were several objectives which were brought before the chapter. Some were settled and some were not.

The ones decided upon were: (1) Putting on some school programs; (2) Putting on a 15 to 20 minute broadcast at Abilene.

The following committees were appointed to investigate some of the objectives that were not decided upon:

First: Paul Riney, chairman; A. C. Bland, Ralph Russell, J. W. Hughes, Elwood Cox. These are for the purpose of seeing each member about F. F. A. badgers to go on coats, jackets or shirts for each member. The chairman will report on this at the next meeting.

Here is another committee formed to see that the Merkel chapter caponize 125 cockerels this year. The members are: L. B. Gibson, chairman; Don Warren, Leroy Hester, Arthur Lee Graham, Harrison Malone.

The chapter has decided to try for honors with a beef judging team this year. Being as this is their first year, the boys intend to show the rest that Merkel is on the map.

The boys carried on their first meeting as though they were old hands instead of the so-called green hands that they now go by. There was just enough fire and argument to make the meeting a pleasure. It was carried on orderly and with much discussion upon the objectives not as then decided upon.

The next meeting will be held at the Merkel High School building at 7 o'clock next Tuesday night and any one is invited to attend that wishes.

The next district meeting will be held at Abilene High School, Nov. 4. The officers of the different chapters of this district will be there to help carry on the district meeting.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Rev. Albie Carlton, Methodist minister, will preach next Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church. Every one is invited.

Miss Lavona Faye Douglas was Wednesday and Thursday night's guest of Miss Ibera Lee Patton of Stith.

Lee Ponder has returned from Wink where he has been working in the oil fields.

Billy Bob Douglas, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Douglas, underwent an appendicitis operation at the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, on Monday. He was resting as well as could be expected Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. W. Taylor was Tuesday night's guest of her daughter, Mrs. Lasco Jerden, of Abilene.

Andy Moore has returned to his home at Rising Star after an extended visit with his sister, Mrs. Lee Ponder.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Newton were in Abilene shopping one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Douglas and Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Merritt, accompanied by two of the Cooper boys, and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and daughter, Mary Bell, attended court on Thursday of last week in Abilene.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays and Mr. H. W. Hester visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. Neva Higgins, of Abilene Sunday. Mrs. Higgins left Tuesday for Lubbock where she will take up her work as special demonstrator for the Charme Cosmetics company, her first work being in Claude, Clarendon and Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Less Lynch and daughter, Miss Gladys, and Mrs. Edna Gray of Gatesville stopped over a while Thursday morning with Mrs. Lynch's brother, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Ketcham. They were en route to Tahoka to visit other relatives.

Wesley Ketcham, after spending a few days in the home of his brother, Louis Ketcham, returned Friday night to his home at Gatesville.

Mrs. A. C. Sobebe and little daughter, Ava Ruth, and Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper spent the week-end in Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson and daughter, Mrs. Earl Beech, of Talpa, visited the Centennials at Dallas and Fort Worth the first part of last week.

Mrs. Earl Beech of Talpa is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson.

Miss Peggy Barnett and her guest, Miss Aura Ely, attended the races at Arlington Downs and the Fort Worth Frontier Centennial last week-end.

Mrs. Trudy Barnes of Coleman is spending the week-end with Mrs. Rex McLean of Trent.

C. E. French of Dallas is visiting his sister, Mrs. G. W. Boyce, and family.

Miss Eloise Moorman of Okolona, Ark., is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hobbs and other relatives. Miss Moorman is a niece of Mrs. Hobbs.

Lieut. R. G. Vaughan, on his way from Dallas to Lubbock, stopped for a call on his aunt, Miss Dora Garoutte.

Joining Mrs. Ina Wooten Jones in Abilene, Miss Christine Collins left Thursday for Brownwood to attend the annual meeting of the sixth district, Texas Federation of Music clubs, of which she is district chairman of the state board, and a member of the state board. Mrs. Jones is vice-president of the sixth district.

Messrs. W. S. J. Brown and Booth Warren returned Wednesday night after spending two days at the Hereford show at Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg are expected home Friday from a several days trip which took them to see his mother, Mrs. M. E. Holmes at Glen Rose, going from there to the Centennial at Dallas and returning via Temple.

Paul W. West returned home Wednesday night after a week's vacation, during which time he visited both the Centennials and enjoyed the races at Arlington Downs.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Coats and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Ansell Coats and two children of Fort Worth and Miss Minnie Coats of Coleman spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Coats. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tarpley and children and Mrs. J. C. Tucker were also Sunday dinner guests in the Coats home.

W. A. Whiteley, Jr., who has been in a Big Spring hospital since the tragic auto crash Sunday, Oct. 18, in which his wife and her parents were killed instantly, returned home Wednesday and is convalescing satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Harlow of Brownwood were week-end guests of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson.

Supt. Burgess and Mrs. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rudd and Mrs. Len Sublett were in attendance Tuesday at the meeting of superintendents and principals of the Oil Belt Teachers association at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Dye and children, formerly of Pecos and more recently of Kermit, are moving back to Merkel to make their home. Mrs. Dye and children are already here, while Claude expects to come on the first.

Bellboy Tours Europe.

Omaha, Nebr., Oct. 29.—Carl Erickson, 38-year-old bellboy, is back at his job here after a three-month tour of Europe, financed by tips he saved in six years.

"Bank Nites" Not Lotteries.

Austin, Oct. 29.—Chief Justice James W. McLendon of the third court of civil appeals ruled Wednesday that "bank nites" at theatres did not constitute lotteries and therefore were legal.

Carnival at Noodle.

A Halloween carnival at the Noodle school house Friday night of this week, beginning at 7:30, promises much by way of fun and amusement. Everybody is invited.

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Bills Mystery Thriller For Halloween Prevue

"The Case of the Black Cat," the latest of the First National picturized versions of the Erle Stanley Gardner's mystery thrillers, comes to the Queen theatre, for Saturday night prevue only, with Ricardo Cortez in the role of the famous lawyer-detective, Perry Mason, and June Travis as Della Street, his secretary.

There are murders galore—one of an eccentric millionaire's nurse, one of his care-taker who owns a mad cat—and a third for good measure.

Six persons are under suspicion, two of whom kill themselves. The six suspects include Jane Bryan, granddaughter of the millionaire, Craig Reynolds and Gordon Elliott, his grandsons, Nedda Harrigan, his nurse, George Rosener, the family care-taker and Carlyle Moore, Jr., the sweetheart of the millionaire's granddaughter.

Later the nurse and the care-taker are slain under strange circumstances, and after Perry Mason has proved that the first murder was a hoax four persons are suspected of the actual killings.

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New Chevrolet Makes Bow to Public Nov. 7

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Mr. Howard had just returned from Detroit, where 1,000 members of Chevrolet's wholesale organization from coast to coast spent four days inspecting and driving the new car and reviewing with factory executives the program to be followed in presenting it. The new models adhere closely to time-tried Chevrolet engineering principles, he reported, but combine greater power, economy, safety, and durability with striking new beauty and grace.

M. E. Coyle, president and general manager of Chevrolet, announced during the convention that the company had shattered all previous records during 1936, selling more cars and more trucks than in any previous year in its history, and leading the world in sales for the seventh time in the last 10 years. The total for the year will exceed 1,125,000 units, he said, and the objective for 1937 is 1,200,000.

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Tomatoes, Fair Play or Gingham Girl &
Salmon, 2 cans 25c
Baking Powder, 2 one pound cans 19c
Syrup, Karo, gallon 65c
Coffee, Pennant, 1 pound 19c
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State of Texas, County of Taylor, ss:

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared C. J. Glover, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the editor of the Merkel Mail and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 411, Postal Laws, and regulations:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of October, 1936.

(Seal) N. D. Cobb, Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

NOTICE

Effective at once, Charlie Dendy, formerly of Snyder, will have charge of the City Shoe Shop, the owner, Guy Peterson, returning to his shop at Snyder.

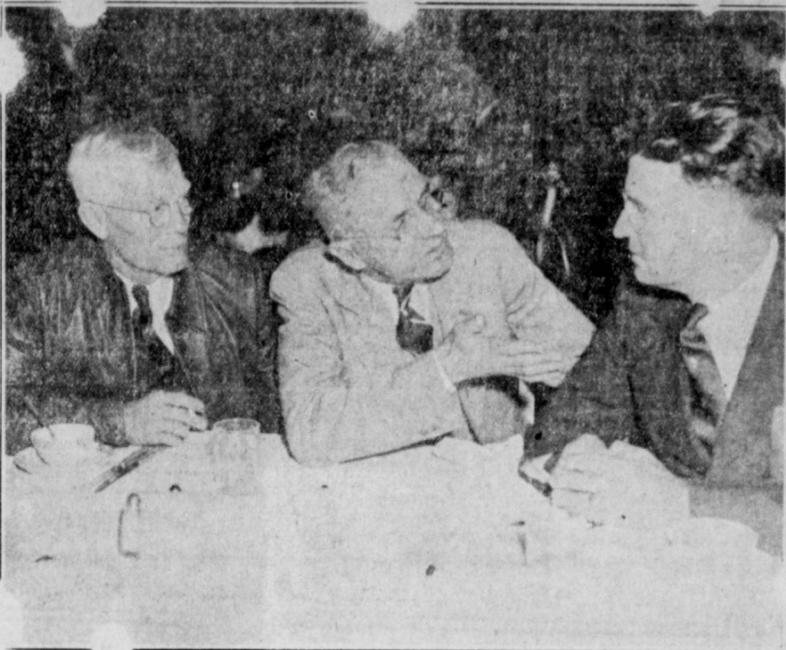
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DORA DOINGS

Yep, it rained about four more inches this last week; wheat, barley and oats are up and looking nice.

Dr. Richardson is still confined to his bed, not improving as much as we would like for him to.

The baby son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hawks died last Saturday night and was buried at Slater's chapel Sunday afternoon. We join this community in expressing sympathy for this good family, who have lost two children in two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Burrus and family were week-end visitors with Mrs. J. K. Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Magee are among those seeing the sights of the Centennial in Dallas this week. Glenn Elliott is sporting a new V-8 and is making the trip to Dallas in it.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott were shopping in Merkel Tuesday.

Alton Whiteaker and Floyd Dennis made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

H. A. Tyrone trucked a car of cattle and hogs to Fort Worth Wednesday.

Bodene Richardson of Lamesa visited his father here this week.

Mrs. R. M. McCoy is visiting her daughter, Daisy, in Lueders this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Oliver of

Mineral Wells were here the first of the week visiting his father, E. C. Oliver, and brothers, Bill and Ossie.

RURAL SOCIETY

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch Demonstration club will meet Thursday, Nov. 5, with Mrs. J. S. Pincley for an "Achievement Day" program.

All members are requested to be present. Visitors are invited. Miss Vera Crippen, county demonstration agent, will meet with the club.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to take this method of expressing our sincerest appreciation and gratitude to all those friends who so kindly and faithfully assisted us at the time of the death of our dearly beloved husband and father.

May God's richest blessings be with you all.

Mrs. L. B. Gray and Children.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to express our heartfelt appreciation for the sympathy and for the assistance and many kindnesses shown us in our recent bereavement, the loss of our dear husband and father, also our thanks for the beautiful floral offerings.

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- Spuds, 10 pounds 22c
- Tokay Grapes, 2 pounds 15c
- Oranges, Texas, doz. 23c
- Grapefruit, seedless, 3 for 10c
- A-1 Crackers, 2 lb. box 18c
- Bird Brand Shortening, 4 lb. carton 54c.
- Pure Cane Sugar, 10 pounds 52c
- Palmolive Soap, 2 bars 13c
- Del Dixi Pickles, sour or dill, qt. 17c
- K. C. Baking Powder, 25c size 18c
- Red and White Bran Flakes, pkg. 10c
- Red and White Peaches, No. 2 1-2 can 17c
- Red and White Peas, No. 2 can 17c
- Red and White Corn, No. 2 can 15c
- Standard Hominy, No. 2 1-2 can 10c

- Kellogg's All Bran, 2 packages 25c
- COFFEE**
- Early Riser, pound 17c
- Mart, pound 25c
- Red & White, pound 29c
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- 48 lbs. Red and White \$1.93
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Broadway, Denver's Chief Thoroughfare, Stretches 40 Miles

(Here follows the third installment of the day-by-day sketch made by Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Howard of their 3,800 mile automobile trip to Colorado and the Rocky mountains the past summer.)

This is Aug. 30th. We are on our way to Garden City, population 3,500. It's 185 miles from La Junta. As we go, we now cross the Arkansas river into the town of Las Animas, Colo., population 2,517. Now we go through the town of Lamar, Colo., a beautiful town, population of 4,335. Then we go through the next town of Guanada, Colo., population of 352. We cross the Arkansas river again into the town of Holly, Colo. This town has a population of 971. These two towns are where they had such high water in the spring and so many lost their lives.

We now go on to the town of Coolidge, Kans. We come to the line of Colorado-Kansas. Now we are in Kansas. We go through the town of Syracuse, Kans., population 1,383. We go through three small stations, then to Deerfield, a small town, population 325, then three more stations on to Garden City, Kans. We stop at Herman Howard's, our nephew, and here we meet my brother, Bill Howard, from Chicasha, Okla. We haven't seen each other for 35 years. It was a happy meeting. We enjoy a nice dinner in the home of Herman Howard.

Garden City, Kans., is a pretty town, so we enjoy ourselves with each other the rest of the day till 4 o'clock when we start back to LaJunta. My brother, Bill Howard, comes back with us to spend the night together, and he goes on to Canon City, Colo., to visit his two sons. Most of Kansas that we came through was dry; we didn't like Kansas very much; liked Garden City. We left Garden City at 4, arrived back to LaJunta at 8:30; it's 185 miles. We will rest up a few days and get ready for another trip to Denver, Colo. Saturday night we go to the depot here in LaJunta to see the Chief train come in. They named it "The Chief" because it runs faster than any of the trains; it runs 100 miles an hour, has two engines to it; they can use an extra engine in case of emergency.

We go today, the first day of September, to the farm to get tomatoes,

bacts and peaches, so we have put up one bushel of tomatoes and a bushel of peaches. Now today, the third day of September, we are getting ready to go to Denver and the Rockies to spend three or four days. Now we are starting Friday, the 4th, at 6:40. We go on through the same towns as we went to Pike's Peak. Now we go through Rocky Ford, now through Pueblo. We went through these two towns on our trip to Pike's Peak. Pueblo is the town where the two girls were chopped in the head with a hatchet one night. One died, the other is unconscious. They have two men in the penitentiary at Canon City they think are the ones that killed the girls.

Now we go on and cross the bridge of the Arkansas river on the road to Denver, Colo. We come into the mountains as we leave Pueblo. We pass several small towns and stations on into Colorado Springs. As I told you, we went through this town also on our trip to Pike's Peak. Now we go on and pass small towns and stations as we go on to Denver, which is 186 miles from LaJunta, where we are visiting. As we go, we see and pass through so many small parks and stations. See so many pretty mountains.

We come into Denver and go down Broadway street. It's 40 miles long. This town is a sight to see, the largest town or city we ever saw, a population of 293,200. We go into the cemetery. Frank, our son-in-law's mother is buried here. We go see her grave, a beautiful grave. This is the largest and most beautiful cemetery we have ever seen. Can't tell the graves only by the tombstones and the flowers on them. Now we go on to the Fairmont mausoleum. We go through it and meet the manager whom Frank knows, Mr. C. W. Grager. They seem to be happy to meet each other.

He takes us on first to see the memorial chapel, then to see the individual crypt, then the companion crypt corridor and others, a beautiful place. We can't begin to describe it; it's all made of marble places already bought for a family. Cost a great amount of money to put away any one there. They had just taken up a woman out of the cemetery and put her in one he showed us. It cost \$900 to put her there, and they have the ashes of people that have been cremated in nice large vases all fixed up so nicely. 850 people are now buried in these vaults, which are called crypts. The present building has 2,200 rooms to bury or put away, and they were adding a building of 1,600 rooms. We

didn't learn just how many crypts to a room. Can get enough room for a family. We saw a family of six.

We go to the Colorado Museum of Natural History. This is a wonderful place. We saw so many large skeletons of animals, also oh so many things we can't begin to tell all we saw. We now go up to the top of the tower and look over the large city. The tower is 24 stories high. The clock is as large as one story and pendulum of the clock weighed 450 pounds. Now to see the large capitol. It sure is a beautiful place and so many nice large buildings we can't tell all we see.

Now we go to the park and stop and eat our dinner and rest awhile. This is the largest park we have ever seen, 640 acres in this park, sure is nice. We go on through the beautiful city, out by Frank's old home place where he was raised, a nice looking farm. We go on on highway 66, see lots of beautiful farms; on to Langmont, we pass several stations and small parks and small farms. We come to the town called Lyons, a nice small town, a lot of camp cabins. Here we stop, as it's about night, get us a cab-

in and eat supper, take a shower bath and have a good night's rest in the mountains.

Up ready to go on at 7 o'clock, we cross the Colorado river bridge and pass stations into more mountains. Here we come to the Rocky Mountain National park—sure a lot of high mountains. We pass on and see mountain lake, we come to Estes Park, then we go up the tower and see all over the mountains. Here they have a fire to warm by, as it's cold up here. We go through and see so many different things they have to sell here. Frank meets two of his girl friends he was raised up with. He hadn't seen them for several years. They were so glad to see each other. We all had a long chat and they gave us some pictures. They own two buildings here. They sell pictures, souvenirs, rugs, blankets and many other articles. They gave Frank a nice vase for a keepsake. We made some kodak pictures and had a nice time. We bade them goodbye and go on through National Forest along the side of the river. The mountains are so high they hurt our eyes to look up. Next we come to Grand Lake.

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VA Instructor Tells of Limberneck and Other Diseases of Poultry

Causes and treatment of limberneck, bumblefoot and impacted crop are discussed by Vocational Agriculture Director C. H. Collinsworth of the Merkel High school in this week's article for The Mail.

"Almost every farm poultry flock has some deaths each year caused by limberneck," he says. "It is usually described by a paralysis of the muscles of the neck which makes it impossible for the bird to hold its head up and it falls from side to side.

"Cause: Limberneck is caused by the fowl eating spoiled or putrid meat in which poison-producing organisms are living. The poison is absorbed in the crop or intestines, and the poison in turn affects the nervous system causing paralysis of the neck muscles.

"Treatment: The best treatment is to give the fowl, as soon as found, a dose of purgative: one-half teaspoonful of epsom salts, or three or four teaspoonful of castor oil for grown birds. Usually the birds must be doctored soon after it becomes affected or there is little use of treatment.

"Prevention: Watch your grounds and yards closely and remove instantly any dead body such as rabbits, rats, chickens, etc. These carcasses should be buried or deeply buried as soon as discovered.

BUMBLEFOOT.

"Bumblefoot is the swelling of the foot of fowls.

"Cause: Bumblefoot may be caused by hens bruising their feet by jumping down from high roosts on to concrete or other hard floor. Cuts on the foot may allow the germs to enter and set up inflammation. These germs cause the formation of cheesy material in the ball of the foot in the space between the toes.

"Treatment: The application of tincture of iodine on the foot for several days will often times cause it to heal. If the place becomes hot and has formed an abscess, the foot should be lanced and washed out with 5 per cent carbolic acid or iodine and the foot bandaged. Place the fowl in a coop without a roost until the foot heals.

IMPACTED CROP.

"Impacted crop is a condition where the bird's crop has become overdistended and causing it to become paralyzed.

"Cause: Swallowing too coarse food such as feathers, hair, straw, etc., or overeating, will cause the condition to arise. The crop usually becomes hard and overdistended.

"Treatment: Force the bird to swallow 2 or 3 teaspoonful of sweet oil; then massage the lower part of the gullet until the contents are soft and may be pressed toward the head. Hold the bird by the feet head down. Do not allow the bird to eat for 12 to 24 hours after the crop is emptied. If it is necessary to open the crop with a knife, make an incision about one-half to an inch long. Remove the contents of the crop with forceps or tweezers of some sort. Wash the crop with clean warm water and then sew the incision in the crop together with three or four separate stitches. Next sew the skin in a like manner. White silk thread should be used for best results.

"Feed the bird on a milk diet for several days and gradually change it to damp mash."

FOR STUDENTS.

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Goodman School News

We are happy to report that this school, in spite of so many conflicts, is moving along nicely not only in class work but in all intellectual activities and sports. The school, as a whole, is well organized and is well on its way. We have, we think, one of the best schools in this immediate vicinity.

Especially are we proud of our new gym. It is one of the most modern of any local school. It also provides a place for physical training, which might otherwise have been neglected. Students who are interested in typing will be glad to know that their typewriters will be installed as soon as possible.

The senior class had its meeting to elect officers. Orval Hill is sponsor; Miss Edna Earl Maples, president, and Miss Maudine Howell, secretary. The seniors are awaiting the arrival of their class rings.

Rhythm is almost assured, as we

have a fair enrollment for music, violin, guitar, mandolin, etc.

As we will not play football, we are putting in our time practicing basketball. There is a good line up of both boys and girls. A number of husky lads and lassies have been transferred from Golan school who will strengthen the team considerably.

Miss Mildred Steadman is coaching the girls and are they ready for battle? Mr. Hill coaches the boys and they, too, are ready to "go." A good many new plays have been planned and are ready to be put in practice.

The game between Goodman and Noodle for Friday was postponed indefinitely on account of weather conditions.

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- McCall's Magazine 1 yr
- Movie Classic 1 yr
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- Parents' Magazine 1 yr
- Pictorial Review 1 yr
- Romantic Stories 1 yr
- Screen Book 1 yr
- True Confessions 1 yr
- Women's World 1 yr
- Southern Agriculturist 2 yrs

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SLUMBER PARTY.

Mrs. Byron Patterson was a most delightful hostess on last Friday night when she named her sister, Miss Hollis Perry, honor guest for a slumber party at her home on Oak street. Members of the Three "F" club made up the guest list.

Beginning with tomato juice cocktails, the various courses of the dinner were served at irregular intervals through the night, interspersed with table games of all kinds. Before the night was over the following guests were even playing dolls: Misses Hollis Perry, Sis Gamble, Frances Higgins, Fannelle Gray, De La Vergne Teague, Betty Lou Grimes, Jane Ferguson.

STUDIO RECITAL.

Mrs. G. W. Wilhite presented the following students in speech recital Tuesday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock in her home studio: Dora Gaither, Tommy Grimes, Doris Clyde Miller, Sue Grimes, Bettie Jo Reid, Anne Lee Blake, Billie McGehee, Helen Heeter, Moody Lee Coffman, Dwight Swafford, Nedra Swafford, Jerry McGehee, Becky Gaither, Bobby Hodges, Norma Jean Hodges, Don Dudley, Marilyn Petty, Harold Hughes, Loveta Coffman.

The guests were the mothers of the pupils. They were Mesdames F. Y. Gaither, Dee Grimes, Fred Hughes, Lem Dudley, Ada Heeter, G. W. Blake, T. J. R. Swafford, A. A. McGehee, Byers Petty, Roy Reid, T. L. Grimes, Norman Hodges.

BRIDE COMPLIMENTED.

Mrs. Byron Patterson and Mrs. Nan Perry entertained with a miscellaneous shower in honor of Mrs. Deverl Toombs, a recent bride, on Wednesday of last week in the home of Mrs. Patterson.

Miss Hollis Perry gave a reading dedicated to the bride, then fortunes were told, leading Mrs. Toombs to a large pumpkin filled with gifts. Halloween colors were carried out in both house decorations and refreshments.

The guest list included: Mrs. Mattie Taylor, Abilene; Mrs. Deverl Toombs, Mesdames Joe Bailey Toombs, T. O. Neill, Stacy Bird, Leon Toombs, Cullen Toombs, Algie Daniel, A. R. Toombs, Doyle Pogue of Snyder, Max Swafford, Will Toombs, Odell Crow, Sallie Angus, Bill Harris, T. J. Toombs; Misses Johnnie Phelan, Gertrude Pearce, of Abilene, Marguerite Bergen, Hollis Perry, Ruby Blackburn, Gladys Mashburn and the hostesses.

Plowboys Win

(Continued from Page One) return of 30 yards, and on another occasion, on a pass from Grimes, Vick netted 33 yards, leaving the Badgers in the enemy's territory when the game ended.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Position, and another Name. Includes players like Merkel, Eason, Barnett, Adecock, West, Carson, V. Barnett, P. Windham, R. Grimes, M. Dye, L. Vick, J. Malone.

Officials: Pee, Hardin-Simmons, referee; Neely, Hardin-Simmons, umpire; Bentley, Hardin-Simmons, head linesman.

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CHURCH SERVICES

"Week of Prayer" Program Arranged

The ladies of the Methodist church will observe "Week of Prayer" on Thursday, Nov. 5, with an all-day meeting. The following program has been arranged:

Morning worship: Leader, Mrs. Fred Hughes. Quiet music, Mrs. Lorena Walker. Opening song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Devotional, Mrs. W. D. Hutcherson. "Concerning Hiroshima College," Mrs. Johnnie Cox. Special song, Mrs. Homer Patterson.

"Beyond the City Wall," Mrs. Norman Hodges. Song, "Give of the Best to the Master."

Offering. Afternoon worship: Leader, Mrs. E. Clyde Smith. Song, "Jesus Calls Us."

Devotional, Mrs. E. C. Richards. "Extending our Rural Work," Mrs. Stvyl Church, leader.

"The Indians at Dulac, La.," Mrs. W. S. J. Brown.

"The Negroes at Augusta, Ga.," Helen Wylie.

"The Cajans in Southern Alabama," Mrs. Raymond Ferguson.

"The Coal Miners of Eastern Kentucky," Mrs. R. A. Burgess.

"Among the Mexicans," Mrs. Clyde Sears.

Poem, Mrs. D. H. Vaughn. Duet, Mrs. Etyl Church and Mrs. Bill Sheppard.

Talk, Mrs. H. A. Longino, Hamlin, Texas.

Offering. PRAYER MEETING.

While the pastor is away at conference, the following program will be given Wednesday evening, Nov. 4, at prayer meeting:

Leader, Mrs. Fred Latham. Devotional, John Grable.

Song, Fred Lee Hughes. Talk, Mrs. R. A. Burgess.

Reading, Frances Marie Church. Special song, Merkel Quartette.

Offering. METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Preaching 11 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Special music. Evening worship 7 p. m.

We close our year's work Sunday, the last service of the conference year. Come, let's make it a great day. We need you; you need us. So don't fail us Sunday. We will read our report as we will give it in Houston on Wednesday, Nov. 4.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. each Sunday by Brother A. J. Rollings. Young people's program 6:30 p. m. on Sunday.

A service of song, prayer and preaching for each Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to all these services. The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Young people's meeting at 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting at 8:15 p. m. Wednesday. R. T. Smith, Pastor.

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Because of heavy, cold weather attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday was cut to 474, as compared with 621 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 668 were present.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Preaching at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

You are cordially invited to all of these services. Strangers welcome. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. BTS at 6:15 p. m.

The WMU will meet next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in a business meeting.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

You are cordially invited to attend these services.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. Preaching service Saturday night. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Brother E. B. Early of Brownwood will be with us Saturday night and Sunday. Come and hear him. Prayer meeting Wednesday night.

We welcome all to our services. R. C. Reagh, Supt.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

A more favorable report came Thursday morning from the bedside of J. Lee Coffman, teacher of mathematics and history in the High school, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia. During his absence, Mrs. J. P. Rudd is substitute teacher and Emory Jones is driving the school bus in his stead.

Announcement is made by Guy Peterson, proprietor of the City Shoe shop, that Charlie Dendy, formerly of Snyder, is now in charge of the shop here, Mr. Peterson returning to his business at Snyder. Charlie Dendy is an experienced shoe repair man and will continue to give the same first class service.

Hall Hobbs was able to be in town this week after a serious gin accident some two weeks ago. When caught in a gin belt, one leg was badly cut and the ligaments in the other leg torn and bruised.

R & R Texas Sweetwater "West Texas' Finest"

Friday-Saturday Kay Francis in "The White Angel"

"Don't Turn 'Em Loose" Midnight show Saturday

Sunday-Monday "Ladies in Love" With Janet Gaynor, Loretta Young and Constance Bennett

Tuesday-Wednesday "Rose Bowl" With William Frawley, Eleanor Whitney, Tom Brown and Larry Crabbe

Thursday Only "Yellowstone" With Henry Hunter and Judith Barrett

R. & R. RITZ Friday-Saturday Johnny Mack Brown in "Undercover Man"

Listen to WBAP 12:30 Monday and Friday for Special Announcement of Kiddies Show by the Light Crust Doughboys.

FLOWERS For ALL OCCASIONS

MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP

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Thanks.

Clyde Shouse (Political Advertising.)

Twice Promoted



Since the pension administration was set up early this year, promotion has come twice to W. A. (Jack) Little, Waco resident and former McLennan county relief administrator, shown above, at his desk in Austin where he is assistant director of state old age assistance. He and Mrs. Little are making their home in Austin, where their son, W. A., Jr., is attending the University of Texas.

Praching at Blair.

The Lord's Supper will be observed at the morning hour Sunday at the Baptist church at Blair. In keeping with National Temperance day, the pastor, Rev. Roy Anding, will have as his subject Sunday night "The Woe of Strong Drink."

Boy Orator Helps Roosevelt. Washington, Oct. 29.—Lee Edgar Nag's, 15-year-old Muskogee (Okla.) boy, called at the White House Monday. Nagle says he traveled 2,500 miles and spoke for Roosevelt in nine states.

QUEEN THEATRE

Merkel, Texas "Where You Can Rest While Enjoying the Show"

Friday-Saturday Gene Autry in "RED RIVER VALLEY"

Added—Silly Symphony Cartoon and Two-Reel Comedy Also Buck Jones No. 6

NOTE—We will not close Saturday evening—Continuous Showing 1 P. M. until Prevue 11 P. M.

Saturday Prevue 11 P. M. Only Big Halloween Fun Frolic Souvenirs and Favors for All

"THE CASE OF THE BLACK CAT" With Ricardo Cortez and June Travis—A Brand New Perry Mason Mystery Also Two-Reel Comedy

Monday and Tuesday Only Pat O'Brien and Beverly Roberts in "CHINA CLIPPERS"

With Ross Alexander and June Travis Added—Select Short Subjects

Wednesday-Thursday George Raft in "YOURS FOR THE ASKING"

Also Two-Reel Comedy Don't Forget Thursday Night

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Oranges Texas, med. size 2 doz. 25c Apples Delicious, med. 2 doz. 25c Bananas Large yellow fruit Doz. 15c

Grapefruit Tex. Marsh Seedless 6 for 25c Grapes Tokay, extra nice 3 lbs. 25c Cabbage Large firm heads Lb. 4c

Pears Extra nice Doz. 50c Hot Pepper Fresh stock Lb. 10c Bell Peppers Extra nice Lb. 10c

Fresh Tomatoes, fancy pinks, 2 lbs. 15c Cucumbers, nice small size, lb. 12 1-2c

Lettuce Large firm heads Each 5c Celery, well bleached, stalk 15c Rutabaga Turnips, lb. 5c Carrots, 2 bunches 15c Squash, nice, tender, 2 lbs. 15c Fresh Dates, lb. pkg. 25c Cranberries, quart 25c Red Potatoes, pound 4c

Cocoanuts Large Jumbo size 3 for 25c

Coffee, Maxwell House, 3 lb. can 75c

Oleomargarine, all sweet, pound 20c

Peanut Butter, 24 oz. jars 23c

Saxet Soda Wafers, A-1 Saltines 3 for 10c Crackers, 2 lb. box 19c Carton, 6 box 19c

Blue Star Matches 3 for 10c Extra fancy Carton, 6 box 19c

Prunes, 2 lb. pkg. 15c Washing Powders Gold Dust, 36 oz. 15c

Crystal White or Clean Quick Soap Flakes, 5 lbs. 33c

Van Camp's Mackerel, 8 oz. can 5c

Shortening, 8 lb. cartons \$1.00

Post Toasties, reg. size, per pkg. 10c

Tomatoes, No. 1 can, each 5c

Corn No. 2 cans 3 for 25c

Tomatoes Gingham Girl 3 for 25c

Krout No. 2 1-2 cans Each 10c

Flour Flour Light Crust \$2.00 Amaryllis \$1.90 Pillsbury \$2.00 Gold Medal \$2.00 Hill Billy \$2.00 Gladiola \$2.00 Western \$1.60 Rising Star \$1.40

Butter Milk, Sweet Milk, Whipping Cream, all Fancy Cured Meats, Etc.

Feed of all kinds, Laying Mash, Starter Feeds, Growing Mash, Cow Feeds, Grain, Etc.

Excel Plain or Mixed S. Dressing, qt. jar 25c Mrs. Dalton's 8 oz. jar 10c S. Dressing Pint jars 20c Quart jars 30c

Sour Pickles, 21 oz. jar 15c

Small cans Milk, 7 for 25c

Wilson's certified Potted Ham, 7 for 25c

Fancy Blue Rose Rice, 3 lb. pkg. 21c Chapman's Ribbon Cane Syrup, gallon 59c

Del Monte Preserves, 3 lbs. 49c Del Monte crushed Pineapple, 3 for 25c