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## POST OFFICES SECURITY PLAN TO AID SOCIAL

Forms to be Distributed to Employers on Nov. 16; Make Return by Nov. 21; Some Classifications Expected.

Information has been received by Postmaster Wrenn Durham that the post office department has agreed to co-operate with the social security board by assisting in obtaining information from employers and assigning social security account numbers of employees.

Forms with blanks to be filled in by employers are to be distributed through post office boxes and by rural carriers here, and must be returned to the postmaster, personally, by mail or handed to a carrier by Nov. 21. Individuals or firms desiring to return completed forms after that date should send them direct to the social security board, Baltimore, Md.

Delivery of forms will be made Nov. 16, or as soon thereafter as possible, through post office boxes, general delivery, or by rural route carriers to every individual, firm, trust or estate, partnership, corporation, association, joint-stock company and insurance company that has one or more persons less than 65 years of age in employ on Nov. 15. Completion of this information to the board will be followed by assignment of an identification number to each employee.

Those falling in the following classifications are expected: self-employment; employees of the railroad industry who are subject to the Carriers Taxing act; agricultural labor; domestic service in private homes; casual labor not in the course of the employers' trade or business, service performed as an officer or member of the crew of a vessel documented under the laws of the United States or of any foreign country; service performed in employ of the U. S. government or of an instrumentality of the United States; service performed in employ of a state, a political subdivision thereof, or an instrumentality community chest, fund or foundation organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, or for prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

## Death Takes Young Son Of Mr. and Mrs. Shive

Funeral services for Robert Russell Shive, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Shive of Clovis, N. M., were held Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 from Grace Presbyterian church, with Rev. R. A. Walker, the pastor, and Rev. John H. Crow, Methodist pastor, officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Sam Redwine, Sam Nunnally, Bob Dunn, Abilene; Leroy Shive, Big Spring; Bert Reynolds, Clovis, N. M., and W. J. Derstine.

Flower girls were: Miss Phala Diltz, Abilene; Miss Maurie Miller, Clovis, N. M.; Misses Nina Belle Russell, Mary Derstine, Norma Patton and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson.

Robert died Sunday evening at 7 o'clock at the family home where he had been ill, first with scarlet fever and later with pneumonia and succeeding complications. His maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dunn and Sam Redwine, of Abilene, were at his bedside when he died. Mrs. Dunn is Mrs. Shive's sister and Mr. Redwine is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Shive.

Besides the parents and grandparents mentioned, Robert is survived by a sister, Mary Lou, 6; his paternal grandfather, Lee Shive, of Fort Worth, and his maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. S. M. Compton, of Merkel.

Among those from out-of-town, who came for the funeral were: Lee Shive, Fort Worth; Miss Edith Shive, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Shive, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Shive, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Shive, Curtis Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Walker, L. W. Beavers, E. A. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Ward, Big Spring; Mrs. R. M. Diltz, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Lee, C. O. Savage, George Saljee, Pat Hennagin, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Reynolds, Miss Maurie Miller, Clovis, N. M.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Violence and accidents resulted in 13 deaths in Texas during the week-end. Nine persons died in fires.

Mrs. Lee Davis, 66, of Shamrock, was killed as she drove a cow across the highway near her home when an automobile driven by F. Snyder of Clinton, Okla., struck her.

Satisfied with having killed a 180-pound buck, which he brought down Monday, Governor James Allred turned Tuesday to hunting turkey on a ranch near Alamogordo, N. M.

Private Angus G. McPhee, 27, eighth air base squadron, Brooks field, may lose the sight in both eyes as a result of the bursting of a pipe containing lye. His neck, shoulders and arms were burned.

George C. Goree, 84, and his son, N. G. Goree, 60, were burned to death late Monday when a blow torch which they were using ignited a supply of gasoline in the garage at their farm home northwest of Beeville.

At the conclusion of a dinner in honor of the Longhorns on the eve of their departure for Minneapolis, Coach Jack Chevigny announced that he would not be coach of the University of Texas team next year.

Pleading guilty to a charge of manslaughter, C. F. Fugitt of Ida Lou, Lubbock county, was sentenced to from 5 to 8 years in state prison for the death in an auto-truck collision of Mrs. Otis Wood of Lubbock.

Roy Hitchcock, agent for an oil company, reported to officers that two masked highwaymen robbed him of \$6,500 in company checks and his automobile near Gladewater, as he was en route to Tyler to make a bank deposit.

C. McWhirter, 81, long-time resident of Texas, was killed instantly Monday evening when he was struck by a truck on highway 40 near Kemp, Kaufman county. He was walking to town to start for a fox hunt at Crockett.

Dallas county's oldest citizen, Bill Turner, negro, who placed his age at 118 and whose other claim to fame was that he took part in the siege of Vicksburg as driver of a grub wagon for the Confederate forces, was burned to death in his little house where he lived 45 years.

Frederick G. Drought, brother of H. P. Drought, state WPA administrator, was killed and his companion, Miss Shirley Johns, of Waco, and two men identified as from Illinois were seriously hurt in an automobile collision on the Waco-Temple highway at an early hour Friday morning.

Continuance on ground of absent witnesses was granted by Judge M. S. Long in 42nd district court at Baird Monday in the trial of Joe Totten of Abilene, charged with murder without malice in connection with the highway death of Robert Cluney, 13-year-old Abilene boy, last summer.

Pleading guilty to two charges of assault with intent to murder and to one complaint of burglary, all growing out of the attempted burglary of a Baird bank Sept. 25, H. L. Myers, drew sentences totalling 42 years in the state penitentiary. He was already under sentence for terms of 45 years, making an aggregate of 87 years in prison.

## Cotton Forecast up 790,000 for Month

Washington, Nov. 12.—An indicated cotton crop of 12,400,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight was reported Monday by the agriculture department in its November report.

A month ago 11,609,000 bales were forecast, while the original estimate in August this year was for 12,481,000, practically the same as is now indicated by condition reports.

Last year's production was 10,638,000 bales and the 5-year (1928-32) average was 14,967,000 bales.

## Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Thomas, residing in the Canyon, Sunday, November 8, 1936.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Skurlock, Wednesday, November 11, 1936.

## Preaching at Blair.

Rev. Roy Anding, the pastor, will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church at Blair Sunday, Nov. 15, morning and night.

## BOARD SETS ATTENDANCE DATE NOV. 30

Penalties Provided for Violation of Compulsory Attendance Law Requiring at Least 120 Days for Specified Ages.

The Merkel school board has set Monday, Nov. 30, for the beginning of the compulsory attendance period. From and after that date the compulsory attendance law will be in effect in the Merkel schools. The law says: "Every child in the state who is seven years and not more than sixteen years of age shall be required to attend school for a period of not less than one hundred twenty days." The six months of attendance must be from and after Nov. 30, regardless of whether or not the child has attended before Nov. 30.

Exemptions permitted by the law are: (1) Attendance at a private or parochial school; (2) Any child having a physician's certificate that he is unable to attend school; (3) Any child living more than two and one-half miles from school and for whom transportation is not provided; (4) Any blind, dumb, deaf or feeble-minded child; (5) Any child who secured exemption from the county superintendent, stating that the child has completed the seventh grade, is twelve years of age, and whose services are needed to make the living. It should be understood in this connection that the exemption must first be secured from the county superintendent.

Penalties are provided for violation (Continued from Page One)

## Directors Fix Dates Interscholastic Meet

Dates for Taylor county contests of the Interscholastic League were set by directors at a Saturday conference at the office of County Supt. Tom McGehee. They are: basketball tournament, Jan. 28, 29 and 30; volleyball, Mar. 11 and 12; playground ball and debate, Mar. 13; choral singing, Mar. 17; league literary events, Mar. 19; and track and one-act play, Mar. 20.

Fees for competition also were fixed. A \$1 entrance fee will be required for choral singing, one-act play, basketball, volleyball and playground ball. All other events will cost 10 cents per pupil.

Wendell Foreman, chairman, was in charge of the meeting. Others attending were: Osa Parker, Wylie; Novis J. Whiteaker, Lawn; Rilla Breshnam, Ovalo; W. D. Lowrie, Hamby; Curtis Travis, Tuscola; Gussie Bledsoe, Buffalo Gap; Mrs. O. L. Reeves, Trent; Mrs. Inez Hohertz, North Park; Jennie Bess Bigham, Salt Branch, and Mrs. Foreman.

## Last Rites for Mrs. V. E. Vessels at Slaton

Funeral services were held at Slaton on Monday, Nov. 9, for Mrs. V. E. Vessels, of Eastland, a former resident of Trent, who had passed away at her home at Eastland. The Baptist pastor at Slaton conducted the rites, with members of the order of the Eastern Star, of which she was a member, in charge. Local Masons acted as pallbearers.

A brief service had also been held in the undertaking parlor at Eastland at 6:30 Sunday, in which Eastern Star members were also in charge.

Mrs. Vessels, whose maiden name was Alma Russell, was born in Jacksonville Feb. 4, 1905. She was the daughter of a pioneer Baptist minister. She was educated in the Slaton public school, then took a business education in Draughton's, Abilene, and was employed by the Holt Oil company in Trent for several months. She married Volley E. Vessels on Feb. 8, 1930. She was converted at the age of 14 and had lived a consistent Christian life.

She is survived by her husband and two children, Don, 6, and Willie Mae, 3; her mother, Mrs. Lula Russell; two sisters, Mrs. Lee Peables and Mrs. Harvey Tunnel, all of Slaton.

Those from Trent attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vessels, Mr. and Mrs. John Halbrooks, Mrs. Robert Harris and baby. Others attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Vessels and two children of Austin; Hanley Vessels, of Balmorhea; Mr. and Mrs. Bondie Vessels, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Vessels and Miss Dorothy Vessels of Royalty.

## COLORADO TEAM SMEAR BADGERS BY 14-6 COUNT

Wolves Score Two Touchdowns in First Half to Sew Up Game; Murphy Dye Carried Ball for Merkel's Only Tally.

Shaking off the lethargy that has gripped them all season, a big Colorado team crossed the pay-off stripe twice in the first half and staved off the last half rally of a favored Merkel squad in a conference set-to at Colorado Armistice Day.

After playing in Merkel territory most of the first quarter, the Wolves took both of their touchdowns over in the second period. The first score came on a pass, Rankin to Miller, and the second was the result of an off-tackle smash by Cox. The Wolves added the extra point each time, one by a pass, the other time by an off tackle play.

Quarterback Rankin of the Colorado eleven placed the ball in scoring position each time, and to him went the credit for the majority of the Wolves' yardage. He tore off long and consistent gains—one 27 yard dash, the longest of the day—and his passes hit the spot. Vick, Badger right halfback, carried the brunt of the Merkel running attack until he suffered a twisted leg in the second half which nearly put him out of commission. One of his off-tackle slants looked like sure pay for 22 yards, until the Colorado secondary stepped in to halt proceedings.

Colorado tried 10 passes and completed 5 for a gain of 55 yards. They ran up 167 yards from the line of scrimmage and lost only 2 yards. The Wolves made 14 first downs and averaged 43 yards on their punts.

The Badgers' only touchdown came on a reverse play around end, with Murphy Dye carrying the ball. He went over standing up from the 14 (Continued on Page Four)

## To Select Talent for Merkel's Half Hour

In order that the half hour radio program presented in behalf of Merkel on the "Know Your West Texas" series over KRBC on Thursday, Nov. 19, may be of the best variety, the committee from the Lions club has asked Gene Heard, KRBC, program director, to select the numbers that will be used.

Heard is to be master of ceremonies, while Dr. L. C. Zehnpennig will bring greetings from Merkel and make a brief talk during the half hour. Private tryouts will be held Friday night of this week at 7:30 at the studio at the High School building, at which time Director Heard will make his selections from the following talent: the Sosebee Sisters, Mrs. G. W. Wilhite, Delma Compton, Alton Bicknell, Merkel High School, Betty Grimes, Mrs. Homer Patterson, Frances Higgins, Thelma and Pearl Mathews, Helen Heeter, Mrs. William Sheppard, Dorothy Lee Shannon, Iris Garrett, Emma Joyner, Merkel Quartette and a special quartette consisting of Rev. John H. Crow, Harry Barnett, Delma Compton and Fred Hughes.

## Clyde Shouse Gets Total of 346 Votes

When returns of the general election held Tuesday, Nov. 3, were canvassed by the county commissioners court at their Monday session, it was found that Roy Fuller, county treasurer, who led the county vote last election, was again in the lead by three votes this year. He was 6,643, to the second high, 6,640, polled by Miss Vivian Fryar, county clerk-elect.

The official canvass showed that Clyde Shouse received 346 votes for public weigher of precinct No. 5, his name having been written in on the ballot, and he was thereby declared elected.

## Returns 5 Indictments; Grand Jury Recesses

Only five indictments, lodged against three individuals, were voted by 104th district court grand jury in a two-day session ending Tuesday afternoon when the body recessed.

Included were three forgery charges, all against Melvin Bennings, negro, one burglary and one misdemeanor theft charge. The burglary indictment was returned against J. P. McLaughlin and the misdemeanor theft bill named Elvis Webb.

## SOME DON'TS FOR PUBLIC IN GOING TO FIRES

When the fire alarm is sounded, and you happen to be driving on any of the city streets, don't fail to pull your car to the curb, if you hear or see the fire truck coming in your direction.

Should you want to drive your car to the fire, don't drive behind the fire truck closer than one block. Better still drive on another street.

For any reason whatever, don't drive over the fire hose. It will cost you a fine in the city court.

When parking at a fire, don't park in the middle of any street or alley. Unless you are called upon by one of the firemen to help, don't get closer than 50 feet. You might be accused of pillage.

Should you happen to see any unnecessary handling of properties taken from a burning building, don't fail to report to the fire chief or marshal.

For your own protection, don't stand under any kind of electric wiring near a burning building.

Jimmy Toombs, Chief. George Caple, Hose Marshal. Merkel Fire Department.

## Monday's Rainfall Gauges Half Inch

A norther that arrived Saturday night was followed by a slow, drizzling rain on Monday that produced a half inch of rainfall, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale.

Previous rainfall for the year was 30 7-8 inches, Monday's precipitation bringing the total to 31 3-8 inches.

## T. & P. Sends Check For School Taxes

Check for \$575.50, total amount of school taxes due for the year by the Texas & Pacific railway, has been received by Yates Brown, tax collector for the Merkel Independent School district.

The check was forwarded by W. L. Holder, tax commissioner for the road, who stated in a letter that he thought perhaps the early payment might be of assistance to the local schools.

## Stated Meeting OES On Tuesday, Nov. 17

Merkel Chapter 212, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a stated meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at which time the worthy matron, Mrs. Bessie Merritt, will give her written report on the grand chapter session which convened in Mineral Wells Oct. 27, 28 and 29.

A report from the five others from the chapter who attended the grand chapter will also be given.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, November 10, 1916.)

Miss Bertie Diltz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Sr., of this city, arrived Wednesday morning from Van Horn to visit her parents. Miss Diltz visited relatives in Van Horn a few years ago and later became identified with one of the county offices of that county and recently she has been appointed deputy sheriff, and office clerk of the sheriff's office at Van Horn. So far as we are able to learn Miss Diltz enjoys the distinction of being the only lady deputy sheriff in Texas.

Messrs. Ed Teaff, Claud Sears and Geo. Ferrier returned the first of the week from way down south 'ere and with them was the undisputed evidence of good marksmanship. Just who killed the deer we cannot say, but we were shown the pelts of two good-sized bucks.

Mrs. Amy Sears is this week moving into her new home recently purchased from B. C. Moore. The family of Mr. Moore removed to their property known as the Causseaux place.

P. C. Forrester sold out, lock stock and barrel, this week to Mr. Giles who has lived here for some time. The sale was made of the Forrester farm, southwest of here, at \$27.50 per acre for 160 acres, and now Mr. Forrester is hunting for a place to invest his money.

## LOCAL PASTOR RETURNED FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Assignments for 1937 Bring Rev. John H. Crow Back to Merkel Church; Same Presiding Elder Returned for District.

Much to the delight of the congregation and of the citizenship in general of Merkel and this section, Rev. John H. Crow was returned to the Methodist church here for another year.

He and Mrs. Crow returned Monday from Houston where they had attended the annual meeting of the Northwest Texas conference, which was held jointly with the other four Texas conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church South and of the southern conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, the first time the two branches had met since the division in 1844.

At this joint conference 1,256 ministers received their assignments.

Former pastors of the Methodist church here were given the following assignments: Rev. C. W. Foot, returned to Slaton; Rev. J. T. Rea, transferred from Stanton to Clyde; Rev. T. C. Willett, returned to Hereford; Rev. E. L. Yeats, transferred from Spur to Crowell; Rev. P. H. Gates, transferred from Claude to Spur.

Presiding elder of the Abilene district remains the same—Dr. C. A. Long. However, this will be his last year on this district, to which he came last year from Sweetwater where he was presiding elder two years. Under rules of the church, a minister must return to pastorate for four years after a four-year term as presiding elder.

Three new ministers were assigned to Abilene: Rev. J. H. Hamblen, First Methodist church, transferred from Vernon; Rev. C. H. Williams, Oak Street Methodist, transferred from Olton, and Rev. Howard Hollowell, formerly on the Abilene circuit, appointed assistant pastor to Dr. C. P. Clark, returned to St. Paul Methodist church for his fourth year.

## Postpone Cemetery Working to Nov. 16

Owing to Monday's rain, it was deemed best by the members of the Merkel Home Demonstration club to postpone the cemetery working from Tuesday, Nov. 10, to Monday of next week, Nov. 16.

Every one interested in cleaning up the cemetery and improving the general appearance of the city's burial grounds is urged to co-operate in the city-wide and community-wide "clean-up" program at the cemetery next Monday.

Mrs. C. P. Church is president of the club sponsoring the movement.

L. A. Phillips, special demonstrator for the Majestic Range Mfg. Co., has been at the Anchor Hdw. all this week conducting a demonstration for his company. Mrs. Ernest Rogers has assisted in serving delicious hot biscuits, butter and jam and coffee to the guests of the Anchor.

Julian Boney, who has been living in Louisiana for the past year or so, is at home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boney.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Anderson of Nubia were in town Tuesday. Driving here in their new Overland touring car.

J. W. Wood of Dora and Mel Hand of Trent leave today for a trip to points in New Mexico. Mr. Wood being here Tuesday making preparations for the trip.

R. A. Reagan of Route 2 has topped, as far as we know, the market price with turkeys. Last week he sold one of extraordinary stature for an even five dollars. We doff bonnet and plume to the gent who can beat it.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kunze, who have been in New Mexico several months for the benefit of Mr. Kunze's health, on their way home to Fort Worth are visiting the family of J. W. Moore.



### Great Losses Caused By Smut in Wheat

"Seed Treatments for Smut in Wheat" form the basis of this week's article furnished The Mail by Vocational Agriculture Instructor C. H. Collinsworth of the High school.

"This is the time of the year for the sowing of fall wheat," he says. "Every year large losses are suffered by grain raisers from 'stinking smut of wheat,' also known as bunt or covered smut. This smut is recognized by the fact that balls of smut replace the grains, but as the outer glumes or chaff are not affected, it is difficult to distinguish diseased heads from normal heads in the field. If you will take one of the 'would-be' grains of wheat and mash it between your fingers, you will find it has a fishy disagreeable odor. This is where it gets its name.

"Smutty wheat is unfit for flour making until it is put through a special cleaning process. Often during the threshing operation these balls of smut are broken and get on the other normal seeds. Smutty wheat is sometimes sold as much as 10c per bushel lower on the market than smut-free wheat. Other losses caused by this smut are: (1) lower yield of sound grains; (2) loss from dust explosions during threshing due to the oil contained in the smut spores.

"Control: Stinking smut is controlled by destroying the spores before the seed is planted. The old method was to dip seed in a bluestone solution and a later method uses a formaldehyde solution, one pint commercial formaldehyde to 40 gallons of water in which to soak the grain. These methods will lower the germination of the grain unless the seed is planted soon after treatment; also a lot of work is involved in the treatment. Coating the grains with copper carbonate dust is another method. A very good way to apply this dust is to fix a barrel on a revolving axis and fill the barrel partially with the grain, add proper amount of copper carbonate and then revolve the barrel until all seeds are treated.

"Other ways of applying the dust such as turning the seed over and over with a shovel are satisfactory but care should be taken to avoid inhaling too much of the copper carbonate

dust, as it is poisonous and will cause irritation.

"Copper carbonate is used at the rate of 2 ounces (two heaping table-spoonsful) per bushel, if applied in a rotary mixer, but if applied loose it will take more. Copper carbonate that contains 52 per cent copper and will pass through a 200 mesh screen is generally recommended. Seed can be treated any time before planting and can be stored indefinitely without injuring its germination."

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.

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If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

### Skid Weather Time to Change Driving Method

"Skid-weather" days are here again, presenting road conditions that demand a different driving technique and added attention to car and accessories, S. M. Hunter, local Good-year dealer, reminded motorists today.

Accidents show a tendency to rise abruptly on "skid-weather" days, in spite of reduced traffic in times of snow and sleet, it was pointed out. Consequently, it behooves motorists who may pay little attention to their cars during the pleasant months of the year to check over carefully various safety points about the car in advance of the stormy days ahead.

"When roads are icy the driver is faced with new situations that call for different driving speeds and an entirely different technique behind the wheel. Similarly, the tire is called upon to face a different type of road

surface, and much depends on the way it reacts. A tire that is worn but still holds the road well enough on a hot summer day is not good enough to cope with a treacherous ice surface, and the motorist who awaits an emergency to find out if his tires are good enough often has reason to regret his delay," Mr. Hunter said. In addition, brakes should be carefully gone over, and oil changed to grades better suited for winter driving, he advised.

Adding machines rolls 15c, or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For Sale at Merkel Mail office.

### Watch Your Kidneys!

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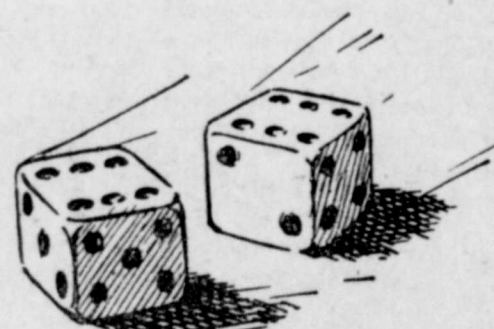
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# DON'T GAMBLE WITH A COLD



COMMON colds are dangerous! Don't gamble with them. You will lose more often than you will win. Even if you are lucky and recover from a cold within a few days without loss of time or money, YOU STILL LOSE. Any illness to a member of the family is definitely false economy because colds create a condition of depressed physical vitality.

This is the age of preventive medicine and medical science has followed the formula that "it is better to keep well than to get well." Therefore, don't gamble. Strike at the root of common colds by eliminating conditions that contribute to "catching cold."

If the temperature of any room in the house is insufficient for comfort it is INADEQUATE

The common cold germ is a constant threat to your well-being during the winter season. If you do catch cold—don't gamble; consult your family doctor before it has an opportunity to undermine your health.

FOR HEALTH. Members of the family go from a heated room into a cold hall or adjoining unheated room; then shivering and chilled, they return to the heated room. This is one almost certain way to catch cold.

Protect your family against sudden changes of temperature. Give them the benefit of healthful, pure, warm air throughout the home. If you have been heating only one or two rooms, don't go through another winter without complete health protection. If you prefer individual unvented room heaters of the open flame type, be sure to use ONE IN EACH ROOM and provide adequate ventilation from slightly opened windows. Keep connecting doors open from one room to another so that a natural circulation of healthful, warm air prevails throughout the home.

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### DAILY TOIL.

Maybe I am a little ahead of time, but rather early than late, I am writing this now.

Now that the football season is nearly over, with its attendant excitement, we get back to our safe and sane daily toil—because, after all, it is steady plugging instead of spasmodic pep which keeps us ahead.

If you did but know, it is the plain reliable man or woman who keeps working, is of normal temperament, makes little "fuss" whether glad or sad, thinks the past has its lessons, believes in the future, is fearless and unafraid who is the salt of the earth.

And where did that expression come from? It has not much meaning to us, because salt is so plentiful and so cheap; but in Asia and Africa, in centuries gone, salt was very scarce and very valuable and people carried a small sack of salt with them everywhere.

So let us put our shoulders to the wheel and strive on step by step toward success.

### SOPHOMORES.

Enthusiasm, pep, and willingness to work are features of the Sophomore class! When they start out to do a thing, they really go after it in a big way! They are backing the Badger team, and how!

There are several Sophomore boys coming out for football who are the "footballers" of today and tomorrow: Don Warren, James Hagler, W. I. Wooley, Arthur Lee Graham, Kenneth Neil, Willard Pain, Roy Lee Martin.

Say! The girls in the Sophomore class are really yelling "Pep Squaders", too. Just to let you know they're there, here are a few of the members: Dorma Lee Shelton, Comora Hughes, Mabel Murray, Mary Jo Russell, Faye Varner, Aleene Mashburn, Joyce Fulton, Pearl Mathews and Verne Moore.

Supplying Sophomore news will be easy because they are always doing something to write about.

### STUDENTS ATTEND CENTENNIAL.

A large group of Merkel students really got a thrill out of a grand trip to the Central Centennial Exhibit at Dallas the past week-end, Nov. 5-7.

The students who enjoyed the trip to the Texas celebration were: De-ward Gilbreath, Don Wood, Billy Wood, Morris Wozencraft, Dorma Lee Shelton, Homer Tye, La Verne Harwell, Lloyd Vick, Weldon Davis, Geraldine Butman, Glenn Robertson, Comora Hughes, La Verne Hughes, Wilma McAninch, Pauline McAninch, Mary Jo Garland, Ted Hamm, Jack Sublett, A. C. Bland, Evelyn Bigler, and Johnnie McDonald and Wayne Hughes of Grammar school.

### PEP SQUAD.

Last week at the Snyder-Merkel game, the Pep Squad performed during the half, divided into halves, with Hollis leading one group and Sis the other, they came on the field from the goal post. Near the 50 yard line an "S" was formed, and the girls knelt domino style. As they did so, they let balloons loose to fly over the field. From the "S", they marched into a "B". Each girl spread purple and gold confetti on the grass; and, until the last half of the game was begun, it remained in place.

They are looking forward to Armistice and the game with Colorado. Here's wishing the Badgers luck!

### GLEE CLUB.

Waymon Adcock presided at the regular meeting of the Glee club Tuesday, Nov. 3. A special program was provided. Pauline Joyner and Eteyl Church sang "Friendship." Griffin Barnett and Miller Patton gave some special numbers on violin and guitar.

### HOME ECONOMICS CLUB.

The girls who belong to the Home Economics club, with the help of their sponsor, gave a tea Thursday afternoon. The tea was in honor of the girls' mothers. The lady teachers of the Grammar school and High school were also guests.

After assembling in the study hall, a short program was given by the club members. Following the program, the guests were shown through the building. This tour of inspection ended in the Home Economics department where tea or cocoa, cookies and sandwiches were served.

### DRAMATIC CLUB.

The Dramatic club had a very interesting program at their last meeting. A new cast has now started work-

ing on a play entitled "Weinies on Wednesday."

The sponsor soon intends to pick a cast to start on another play. These laboratory plays are good productions and are suitable entertainment on any program.

### F. F. A. CLUB.

At the last meeting of the F. F. A. boys Monday night, Nov. 2, five girls were nominated to be sweetheart of the Merkel club. The girls nominated were Verne Moore, Louise Richie, Mildred McLean, Sis Gamble and Betty Grimes.

The girl that is chosen, when the boys vote on them later in the year, will attend the "Father and Son" banquet which the F. F. A. boys are planning in the near future.

### HANGING AROUND THE SIDELINES.

(By Sylvan Mellinger.)

Waymon Adcock, a Sophomore, came out this year for a backfield position, but is now playing guard. Waymon is a boy who puts his whole heart into the game to win for old Merkel High. We are expecting a lot out of Waymon next year.

Another of those fighting Badgers is little Dick West who is one of our Juniors. Dick has come out for football for three years, but it just seemed that he could not make the grade until this year. Dick is playing the center position and is doing a bang-up job of it. When the whistle blows for the players to untangle, Dick is always on the bottom, showing those opponents how tackling should be done. We are also expecting a lot out of Dick next year.

One of those dignified Seniors who is filling a half-back's shoes is Murphy Dye. Murphy has been out for football only one year before this, but is really showing his stuff this year. Murphy weighs only 145, but is plenty fast and puts a lot of pressure behind those punts. Dye makes his yardage on end sweeps and has got the team out of plenty tough spots by punting that pigskin down the field. Murphy's punts have averaged 45 yards—a higher average than that of any other kicker in the conference.

### PERSONALITIES.

Edith Akin.

Edith has been with us in M. H. S. for two years. During that time we have all learned to love her. Her quiet, sweet ways have made her many friends. She has been active in school life, especially in the Dramatic club and in the Home Economics club. She is vice-president of the latter. Do you know what Edith's ambition is? She says that she wants to be a Home Economics teacher. We know she will make the class of '36-'37 proud of her.

Eteyl Church.

Merkel High school has had Eteyl as a pupil for four years. Every one knows him and we wonder how Merkel High will feel next year without him. While Eteyl has been in High school, he has taken a great interest in the Glee club, Spanish club and Dramatic club. Eteyl is willing to work and we know he will have a very successful life.

### JOKES.

Mr. Myers: "How can you tell the approach of winter?"  
 Rachel P.: "It begins to get later earlier."

Modern Fairy Tale: A Scotchman throwing away five dollar bills and a fellow of Jewish descent picking them up and handing them back to him.

Frank Dye: "Miss Clements expects the impossible."  
 Linsey Rister: "How come?"  
 Frank D.: "You know that theme on milk we had to write? Well, she told me to condense it."

Ben Ferguson: "Too bad Shakespeare wasn't born in London."  
 Mrs. Haynes: "Why?"  
 Ben F.: "I said that he was on that exam."

Mr. Burgess: "What was the president's name in 1916?"  
 L. Eason: "Wilson."  
 Mr. Burgess: "The joke's on you! It was Roosevelt."

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### White Church News

(Omitted Last Week.)

Everyone enjoyed the rainy, cold weather.

These pretty days every one is busy hauling feed and winding up picking cotton.

There was a box supper at the church Saturday night. Every one enjoyed the affair very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Patty Melton of Blair have moved into our community for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggins, Mrs. Kate Phillips and Mrs. T. M. Shugart spent Saturday in Abilene on business.

The Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Beryl Brown for their "Achievement Day" program on Friday. A large crowd was present, also several visitors, including the county agent, Miss Vera Crippen, Mrs. Dillard Snow and Miss Olenhausen of Abilene and Mrs. John Hughes of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger and Fern Evans spent last week in Mineral Wells at the Eastern Star convention and in Fort Worth and Dallas visiting the Centennials.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and family have moved to Blair.

The new home that D. C. Dean of Blair is building on his farm in this community is nearing completion.

There was a Halloween carnival at

the school house Friday night. A large crowd was present with several visitors from other communities.

Misses Madlyne Brown, Louise Addison and Fern Evans spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Morris Pressly.

Miss Ailene Frazier spent Saturday night with Miss Esther Harris. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shugart have moved over on A. D. Barnes' place to work for another year.

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**Wolves Win Out**

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yard line. Dye failed to kick point after touchdown. Vick and Malone carried the ball through the line for most of the locals' yardage, as Grimes' passing arm failed him. Dye's punts again showed up well with an average of 44 yards per try; he kept the Wolves backed up in their own territory most of the second half with his sideline boots. The Badger team tried 10 passes and failed to make a single completion. They made 138 yards from scrimmage and lost 13. They accounted for only 7 first downs.

Adeock, first time starter at right end, showed up well on the defensive. The whole line fought well against the heavier opposition, Eason and V. Barnett also stood out.

The starting line-ups:

| Merkel      | Position | Colorado  |
|-------------|----------|-----------|
| L. Eason    | L.E.     | Carter    |
| G. Barnett  | L.T.     | Dockery   |
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| D. West (c) | C.       | Sparker   |
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| Graham      | R.T.     | Smallwood |
| W. Adeock   | R.E.     | Burdire   |
| R. Grimes   | Q.       | Rankin    |
| M. Dye      | L.H.     | Smith     |
| L. Vick     | R.H.     | Cox       |
| J. Malone   | F.       | Miller    |

Substitutions: Colorado—Wright, Sweat, Grenner; Merkel—Mashburn. Officials: Sellers, referee; Hill, umpire; Galbraith, headlinesman.

**Dedicated to Cattlemen.**

College Station, Nov. 12.—The \$300,000 Animal Industries building at Texas A. & M. college will be dedicated Dec. 10 as a memorial to the pioneer livestock men of Texas.

**Greatest Volume in 12 Months.**

Chicago, Nov. 12.—The United States Building and Loan league reports new loans disbursed during September by savings, building and loan associations amounted to \$115,495,000—the greatest volume in 12 months.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

We take orders for egg stamps. The Merkel Mail.

**PERSONALS**

Miss Alice Bigham of Abilene was the week-end guest of Mrs. Amy Sears and Mrs. DeVerl Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Grimes of Chillicothe spent the week-end with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes, and other relatives. As delegate from the Fortnightly Study club, Mrs. Henry West, club president, left Monday for San Antonio to attend the convention of the State Federation of Women's clubs. Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston, pioneer residents of Merkel, removed Monday to their newly purchased home in Abilene at 760 Mulberry street, Joe Self moved Tuesday into the Huddleston home here, which he purchased last week.

Mrs. S. F. Haynes returned Friday of last week from Scott & White sanitarium, Temple, where she had gone for examination and treatment.

John West, accompanied by Mrs. West and their daughter, Doris Gay, went to Fort Worth on business Tuesday, returning Wednesday.

Mrs. G. C. Farrow is spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, during the interim while her husband is making a business transfer from Olney to a new location.

A party enjoying a visit to the Centennial at Dallas last week included the following: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes and son, Doyle, and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Blair and two sons, J. K., Jr., and Warren.

A. T. Sheppard made a week-end visit with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Sheppard, at Dallas and witnessed the S. M. U. A. & M. game Saturday.

Miss Billye Derr has as her guest Miss Lois Partin of Sheppard, near Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Corvin Leverich and son, Jimmy, of Odessa spent the week-end visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stanford.

Upon receipt of a message telling of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. H. A. Maloy, Mrs. Forrest Gaiter left Saturday morning for Elk City, Okla. Reports Wednesday were that Mrs. Maloy was somewhat better. Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church, left Monday morning for Mineral Wells for the meeting of the Texas Baptist convention.

Returning from the Methodist conference at Houston, Rev. E. L. Yeats, former pastor here, and Mrs. Yeats stopped over for a few hours Tuesday. They were dinner guests in the T. G. Bragg home.

Mrs. T. E. Collins left Friday of last week for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Ernest Massey, in Denton.

J. Lee Coffman, High School teacher, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia for three weeks, was carried to the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, on Monday of this week.

His condition Wednesday was reported fair.

Carl Black, Jay Causseaux and Felix Stalls attended the conference of Philco dealers in Abilene last Friday, one of the entertainment features of which was a dinner at the Hilton hotel.

When F. L. Maytag, founder and chairman of the board of the Maytag company, was a visitor to Abilene Thursday of last week, he was honor guest of a luncheon at the Hilton hotel which was attended by Jay Causseaux, local dealer, and Mrs. Causseaux.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson were Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Fields and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Johnston of Brownwood and Mrs. Bill Comegys and Misses La Mayne Edmonson and Margaret Storey of Abilene.

Mrs. Mattie Brown, a former Merkelite, now of San Juan, is visiting her son, Jim Brown and family and friends here.

**Miss Blackburn Weds J. Pierce Horton**

The marriage of Miss Ruby Blackburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Blackburn, and J. Pierce Horton was solemnized Tuesday evening at the Presbyterian manse, with Rev. R. A. Walker, officiating, in the presence of a few intimate friends.

Best wishes of a host of friends are being extended this popular couple.

**General Motors Hikes Wages.**

New York, Nov. 12.—A wage boost of 5 cents an hour and a Christmas disbursement of \$10,000,000 for employees was announced Monday by General Motors Corporation, along with a "year-end" dividend of \$1.50 a share on common stock.

**Fifth Demo Governor.**

Topeka, Kans., Nov. 12.—Walter A. Huxman, of Hutchinson, a native Kansan, who will succeed Alf M. Landon, will be the fifth democratic governor of Kansas.

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**Two Patrols of Girl Scouts in Practice**

The Merkel Girl Scouts met at the home of their captain, Mrs. G. W. Wilhite, Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 4:15 p. m. and went from there in cars to the hills southwest of town.

Patrol I, under the guidance of Patrol Leader Dora Gaiter, laid a trail, using twigs. Patrol II, under the guidance of Evelyn Sears, laid a trail, using rocks. The two groups gathered back at the starting point, and Patrol I then followed the rock trail while Patrol II followed the one made with twigs.

Back safely at the starting point again, the famous Girl Scout horseshoe formation was made, and while thus assembled the following program was rendered: Song, "America," the troop; Motto, Slogan, Promise, Laws, Pledge, the troop in chorus; talk, "What It Means to Be a Girl Scout," the captain; pep drill, Louise Patterson.

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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.

**Woodmen Circle to Hold Class Initiation**

Mrs. Katie Church, guardian of Merkel Grove 563, Woodmen Circle, presided over the Grove meeting held Thursday, Nov. 5, at which time the charter was draped for Mrs. Mary C. Gohagan, chairman of the national legislative committee, who departed this life on Sunday, Oct. 18.

The next meeting, which will be held on Nov. 19, will be a class initiation for all candidates not yet initiated, and the presence of every member of the Grove is urged.

Captain Mae Seago asks that members of the drill team practice with her at the stated time on Thursday.

Leeds, England, is installing lights which flood the footpaths and leave the roadways dark, thus preventing dazzle.

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**New Trains Added; Schedules Changed**

Schedule changes and addition of trains to give a fuller winter service on the Texas & Pacific railway became effective Sunday.

New trains are: No. 10, leaving here at 2:10 a. m. for Fort Worth and Dallas, and No. 27, which will depart at 3:47 a. m. to connect with Santa Fe trains at Sweetwater for Lubbock and Amarillo.

According to the new schedule, No. 6, eastbound, will leave at 1:29 a. m., instead of 2:10 a. m., and No. 7, westbound, will leave at 4:10 a. m., instead of 3:57 a. m.

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| STEAK, chuck or seven, 2 lbs. | 25c |
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**Attendance Law**

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of the law by a parent and heavy penalties are also provided for any person who employs any such child during school hours. Teachers are permitted by law to accept excuses for temporary absence during this compulsory period for sickness of the child, death in the family, quarantine, or "other unusual causes acceptable to the principal or teacher."

Children are entitled to the best opportunity that can be had. If parents

**Local Ford Dealer Present When New V-8 is Unveiled**

W. W. Haynes of the Merkel Motor company returned Monday night from Detroit where he was present at and took part in the first general meeting of Ford dealers from all parts of the United States and Canada held with Henry Ford, founder, and Edsel Ford, president, since the company was organized 33 years ago.

Unveiling of the new Ford V-8 cars for 1937 and presentation to Henry Ford in Greenfield village of the historic three-centuries-old Cape Cod windmill which once stood at the four corners at West Yarmouth, Mass., were high spots on the program.

The dealer meeting took place in the Coliseum at the State Fair grounds in Detroit, where the new cars were presented in a spectacular setting created by Walter Gorwin Teague, noted industrial designer.

After a tour of the historical sights in Henry Ford's Greenfield village, the dealers made formal presentation of their gift of the old mill to Henry Ford. Moved intact from its original site on Cape Cod, the windmill was purchased by individual contributions of Ford dealers in 1934. In its Greenfield village site, it has been re-erected, just as it was when built by the Pilgrims in 1633.

will not provide this opportunity, the child should be given a chance in life any way. Supt. Burgess states that very few Merkel people are not in accord with the law and who do not wish their children to attend school every day possible. Very little trouble along this line has ever been encountered in Merkel. He urges for the sake of the child thus being deprived of an opportunity to attend school that any one knowing of a child that should be in school who is not, please report the matter confidentially to him at Telephone 174 at the High school, and the matter will be investigated.

All are urged to bear in mind that the date is Nov. 30, and all children seven years old and not over sixteen should then be in school.

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**RURAL SOCIETY**

**STUDY COURSE SOCIAL.**

The Hebron B. T. U. study course came to a close last Friday night with a weiner roast in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Merritt. After the study course examinations, the members went to the Merritt home where the social committee had planned an interesting fun program. The corresponding secretaries of the different unions, assisted by Mrs. J. A. Traylor, made up the social committee.

Various games were played and weiners were roasted over an open fire and served with bread and pickles to: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Traylor and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Merritt, Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Scott, Big Spring, Mrs. J. M. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Reece, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Deen, Mrs. W. M. Cooper, Burneal Merritt, Hasten Cooper, Doswell Carey, James David Reese, Otis Cooper, Blanton Carey, Idell Cooper, Alice Carey, Serena Herriman, Bemis, Tenn., Charles Torrance, Abilene, Dick Hass and James Cooper.

**COMPERE CLUB.**

The Compere Home Demonstration Club was awarded to Mrs. D. D. Davis at a party at the school house on Saturday, Oct. 31.

On Nov. 17, there will be a display of home products at the home of Mrs. Marshall. All ladies are invited to this "Achievement Day."

**SALT BRANCH CLUB.**

The "Achievement Day" program of the Salt Branch Home Demonstration club was held Thursday of last week at the home of Mrs. J. S. Pinkley, bedroom demonstrator for the club. Articles on display were a candlewick bedspread, bedroom linens, posters, canned goods, a table set for family service and a vegetable plate.

Sandwiches, punch and cookies were served to Mesdames Bill Hays, Pinkler, T. C. Allen, W. C. Lee, W. Beene, Johnnie Cox, Roy Harrell, Jack Higgins, W. A. Harris, Kenneth Pee, Misses Celia Hester and Vara Crippen.

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**Prices Announced for New Chevrolet Cars**

New York, Nov. 12.—Prices for the new Chevrolet passenger cars for 1937 were announced here by W. E. Holler, vice-president and general sales manager, upon his arrival for the National Automobile show.

It was revealed that for 1937 Chevrolet would have a completely new line of cars, incorporating one wheelbase and with indentially the same appearance. Heretofore, there have been two distinctly different lines of cars with two lengths of wheelbase and quite a wide variance of specifications.

Prices of the Master Deluxe models remain approximately the same as those of the 1936 cars. The popular coach and town sedan models have been reduced \$5, while the four-door sedan and the sport sedan prices remain unchanged. The coupe and sport coupe are the only models to be increased in price and these only \$5 over the 1936 levels.

Prices of the Master Deluxe Chevrolet now cover features formerly offered as optional at extra cost, including knee-action, safety plate glass all around, fenders in color matching the body, and larger tires. The individual model prices are as follows:

Coach, \$595; sedan, \$660; town sedan, with trunk, \$620; sport sedan, with trunk, \$685; business coupe, \$535; sport coupe, with rumble seat, \$615.

The list prices of the Master Chevrolet, which also include the added equipment except knee-action, are uniformly \$60 under the Master Deluxe prices.

**Hodges Happenings.**

Here we are again, after so long a time.

Every one is enjoying this changeable weather.

Mrs. Chas. Ashby is on the sick list. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We are glad to report the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Parr much better. She has been ill with diphtheria.

Mrs. Earl Green has as her guest her brother from Slaton.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walsh were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Johnson in Abilene Sunday.

Our school and Truby played baseball Friday, the score resulting 21 to 5 in favor of Mars (our school.) The same teams will play again Friday of this week at Truby.

There is to be a box supper at Mars school house Friday night of this week. Every one is invited to come and take part.

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**Goodman School News**

The news for last week was delayed and therefore it did not reach the publishers. Fortunately, nothing of importance was missed, except that the Halloween carnival was a grand success. The proceeds were enough for the school to purchase rhythm band instruments to accommodate about 30 grammar school students.

This week the Texas Centennial is the talk of the school. It was made possible by authorities for a school bus to make a trip to Dallas carrying a number of students from Goodman, Golan, Neinda and Carlton schools. This bus was accompanied by other busses from Lueders high school to the Centennial grounds in Dallas. Each seven to ten students were accompanied by a teacher or legal body-guard.

The trip was worth several days' learning in the class room. Every one had a nice time in spite of the wearisome trip. The monotony of the trip was shortened considerably by the songs and yells of the students from time to time.

The low rate of \$5.75 paid the transportation, five meals and beds for two nights, besides a pass to "The Cavalcade of Texas," that was the most interesting scene or program that was seen, according to check-up.

There are no basketball games scheduled for this week so far. However, both boys and girls are "making ready" and are expecting some tough battles soon.

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### Three Young Children Of Charlie Lindsey Burned to Death

The many friends of Charlie Lindsey, who once resided in the home of his brother, A. A. Lindsey, of the White Church community, will be grieved to hear of the tragedy in his family on Nov. 3 when three of their children were burned to death in their tent home near Brownfield.

While the parents were pulling cotton near Brownfield, their children were left with an old man, as it was too cold for them to accompany their parents to work.

One of the children, Wayland, age 3, struck a match and set fire to a bed quilt, hanging over the door. The two boys, Wayland and Ledoyt, only 21 months old, were burned beyond recognition. Maxine, age 6 1-2, lived two hours after arriving at the hospital. Joan, age 5, escaped with minor injuries on the head and hands.

Funeral services were held at Pride, 30 miles southeast of Brownfield.

The people in and around Brownfield are extending aid and comfort to the surviving parents and family.

(Written especially for the Merkel Mail by Grace Chaney.)

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### Crosby Film Marks Burns' Screen Bow

Bob Burns, radio's master of the dry remark and the world's wierdest musical instrument, bazookas his way through his first important motion picture part in the Bing Crosby musical, "Rhythm on the Range," scheduled Saturday night prevue, Monday and Tuesday at the Queen theatre.

Burns, cast as a cowboy pal of Crosby's, forms a comedy team with a new movie "find," Martha Raye, a young lady who has defied even Joe E. Brown to match the contortions she does with her mouth and face. Throughout the picture, he is accompanied by his faithful bazooka, the instrument he constructed from two sections of gas pipe and an old whiskey funnel.

Bazooka tunes, however, are not the sole melodic offerings of "Rhythm on the Range." The picture has given the country six song hits, and includes music of the old West as well as hot "swing" numbers by Louis Prima's world-famed band.

Frances Farmer plays the feminine lead opposite Crosby, appearing as an Eastern girl. Miss Farmer visits a rodeo in Madison Square Garden, New York on the night before she is to wed a man she does not love. The evening brings her a decision to run away and spend some time on her aunt's Western ranch. By chance, she "stows away" in the box car in which Crosby is escorting home to the range a prize bull he has purchased with rodeo winnings.

By box car and hiking, and later in a trailer, the girl, the boy and the bull make their way to the West and to romance. At the same time Burns and Miss Raye have met, and their comedy transcontinental romance also has begun.

Featured in the story are "I Can't Escape From You," "The House That Jack Built For Jill," "If You Can't Sing It You'll Have to Swing It," "Empty Saddles," "Roundup Lullaby" and "I'm an Old Cow Hand From the Rio Grande." "Rhythm on the Range," a seventh tune by Richard Whiting and Walter Bullock, was prompted by the film.

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### List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The jury panel in 104th district court for next week includes the following names:

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**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Mrs. John Payne and children spent the week-end in Lamesa.

Rev. Alsie Carlton and wife have returned to the parsonage from Houston where they attended the annual conference. Rev. Mr. Carlton will remain here as pastor for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Buddie Burks is here for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamner. Mr. Burks has been transferred to Austin where he is employed by an electric concern.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Edwards and Mrs. Harold Bowles left Tuesday for Dallas to see the Centennial.

Mr. Alva Rutledge Hayes of Houston is spending a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter of Goodman and Mrs. Eva Hampton of Trent.

A. W. Woods, local groceryman, attended a Red & White conference being held in Houston this week. Mrs. Woods is visiting with Mrs. W. H. Watkins in Lubbock.

Mrs. W. E. Hamner, Miss Gladys Hamner, Mrs. Buddie Burks and Mrs. Ancil Martin visited the Carlsbad Caverns and other points of interest Tuesday.

Mrs. E. K. SoRelle, who is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. T. G. Hamner, is reported ill, but is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Dax Vessels and two children, J. D. and Sarah Belle, spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vessels on their return trip from Slaton to their home in Austin.

**SCHOOL MEETING.**

At a called meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 3, at the High School auditorium, local school problems were brought to face both patron and teacher. The purpose of the meeting was in response to suggestions of Miss Madge Stanford, district supervisor, as to affiliation of the local school.

A spirited discussion followed, with Supt. Scott chairman in charge. Seemingly assured of a new school building and final steps pointing encouragingly to its realization, patrons made gratifying remarks to show loyalty to the school and community.

**EIGHTH GRADE PICNIC.**

The Freshman class were hosts to a group of friends last Friday evening at a 7 o'clock supper and weiner roast.

The roadside park east of town was the scene of this enjoyable affair. Each class member invited one guest to attend. After roasting weiners, serving them with bread, pickles and other accessories, games were played

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**Largest Herefords Are Again Entered at International Show**

Chicago, Nov. 12.—Prominent among the Texas exhibits at the 1936 International Live Stock exposition, to be held at the Chicago Stock Yards Nov. 28 to Dec. 5, will be the pure-bred Hereford show herd of G. M. Largent & Sons, Merkel.

They have notified the officials that they will send an exhibition herd of 20 animals. In past years they have won many of the highest awards here, including the steer grand championship on a white-face entry at the 1933 show.

It is predicted that the forthcoming Exposition will be the largest in its history. Entries are expected to exceed 13,000 head, a selection of the continent's finest farm animals which will be sent from practically every state in the Union and province of Canada.

All of the western railroads have announced reduced round trip fares to Chicago during the week that the exposition is in progress.

**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.

and jokes enjoyed by about twenty members and guests.

Supt. and Mrs. G. W. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Merton Bell were chaperons for the occasion.

**CENTENNIAL TRIPPERS RETURN.**

A number from here returned to

their respective homes Saturday and Sunday after a pleasurable trip to Dallas aboard the special train leaving Trent at 10:20 o'clock Thursday morning.

Those going were: Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Bailey, Mrs. T. G. Hamner, Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Miss Sallie Freeman,

Kenneth Burkhart, Lois Orand, Mrs. R. L. Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Taylor, Mrs. O. L. Reaves, Francis Stevens, Louise Smith, S. E. Armstrong, A. C. Terry, Jr., Fred McCurdy, Ola Martin, Annzell Seago, Ola Barnes, Lucille Howell, Ellery Smith, Jr., Mrs. Jim B. Tiner and others.

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No. 7 leaves Merkel at 4:10 a. m. instead 3:57 a. m.

No. 27, a new train for Lubbock and Amarillo, leaves 3:47 a. m.

For Details Consult **TICKET AGENT**





**MASHBURN-RIDER.**

Two popular young people were united in marriage Tuesday, November the tenth, in a pretty home ceremony when Miss Florene Rider became the bride of Terrell Mashburn.

The marriage was performed at 11:30 a. m. in the presence of only the immediate members of the two families. Mrs. E. L. Yeats of Spur gave the nuptial music and the Rev. Mr. Yates officiated, using a beautiful ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Effie Rider. As a graduate of Merkel High school, she was a popular student, holding membership in Choral club, Dramatic club and Badger Weekly staff. Following graduation, Florene attended McMurry two terms. She was attractively gowned for her wedding in blue and carried red roses. Her going-away suit was a gray swagger with accessories of blue.

Terrell Mashburn is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn. Also a leader in High School activities, he was president of the Senior class of '33, captain of the football team and later attended Texas Tech at Lubbeck. He is now employed with the E. M. McDonald Feed store.

After a short honeymoon trip to San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Mashburn will return here to make their home. Present at the wedding were: Mrs. Effie Rider, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Church and Rev. and Mrs. Yeats of Spur.

**BREAKFAST.**

Members of the Three "F" club were guests Saturday morning in the home of Miss Betty Lou Grimes with Misses Sir Gamble and De LaVergne Teague co-hostesses.

The breakfast table was beautifully appointed with a color theme of yellow and white. Yellow damask centered with yellow chrysanthemums and serviced with yellow crystalware.

A seasonal menu was served in courses to Miss Sarah Sheppard, club guest, and the following club members: Misses Verne Moore, Frances Higgins, Phyllis Smith, Fannelle Gray, Jane Ferguson, Hollis Perry, and the hostesses.

Miss Sis Gamble entertained the club in its regular meeting Saturday afternoon. Entertainment was informal and at tea time a dainty sandwich plate with sweets and coffee was passed to the above mentioned members.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.**

Five birthdays coming within the same week in the same neighborhood were the occasion for a massed celebration in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mashburn Sunday when Mesdames Bill Sledge, Loyd West, R. H. Mathews, Sr., and Messrs. Ollie Fox and D. R. Thompson were honor guests at dinner.

The five three-tiered cakes topped each with its allotted candles centered the festive board where a sumptuous menu was served to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge, Mr. and Mrs. E. Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd West, Messrs. D. R. Thompson, J. W. Hendricks, P. F. West, Misses Thelma and Pearl Mathews and Euvalda Fox, J. D. Fox, Robert Wayne Sledge, Faby, Earl,

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**GLEANER CLASS.**

Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, assisted by Mrs. Carl Baccus as co-hostess, opened her lovely home on Oak street Friday afternoon to members of the Gleaner class of the Methodist church. The entertaining rooms were attractively decorated with beautiful pink tulips and LaFrance roses in silver vases.

A devotional "Love Theme" was presented by Mrs. Roy Baccus and prayer was offered by Mrs. Clyde Sears.

The president, Mrs. Robert Hicks, was in charge of the business meeting at which plans for the year's work were thoroughly discussed by the members.

A tea plate with dainty sandwiches and cookies was passed to Mesdames Carl Baccus, Roy Baccus, Homer Patterson, Herbert Patterson, Vaughn, Lowe, Shannon, Buzbee, Case, Mashburn, Burgess, Sears, Latham, Cox, Church, Hicks, Hughes, Largent, Rea and Brown.

**"ACHIEVEMENT DAY" FOR MERKEL HD CLUB.**

The Merkel Home Demonstration club held their annual "Achievement Day" Friday afternoon of last week in the home of Miss Lottie Butman.

The program was opened with every one singing "The More We Get Together." Rev. R. A. Walker gave an interesting talk and readings were given by Miss Joy Frances West, Mrs. G. W. Wilhite and Mrs. John Payne, and piano numbers, by Misses Iris Garrett and Norma Patton. Miss Thelma Mathews sang.

Visitors then went to see the bedroom showing a correctly made bed, bedspread and comforts made by club members during the past year. In the dining room was a table set and meal prepared for a family of four. The club also had a lovely display of canned goods.

Cookies and coffee were served to: Mrs. John Crain and daughter, Mrs. W. E. Shouse, Mrs. John Payne, Mrs. Roger Williams, Trent; Mrs. S. O. Patton, Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Mrs. Kenneth Pee, Mrs. W. A. Harris and Miss Norma Patton, Union Ridge; Mrs. Morris Pressly, Mrs. Nell Pressly, Mrs. W. L. Brown and Mrs. Beryl Brown, White Church; Miss Vara Crippen, Abilene; Mrs. Walter Ford, Stith; Mrs. Tom Russom and Mrs. Ben Butman, Butman; Mesdames W. E. Lowe, A. R. Toombs, J. W. Seymour, G. W. Wilhite, A. H. Thornton, W. L. Johnson, W. W. Wheeler, W. R. Williams, J. R. Barnett, Sam Swann, R. H. Mathews, Sr., F. A. Polley, E. O. Carson, Harry Barnett, E. H. Jowers, Bob McDonald, Watt Blair, C. P. Church, L. J. Renfro, R. H. Mathews, Jr., E. B. Wallace, O. C. Shouse; Misses Blanche Carey, Maurine and Clara B. White, Iris Garrett, Thelma Mathews, Luna White, Myrtle Barnett and Lottie

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**CHURCH SERVICES**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**  
The cold spell cut attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday to 510, as compared with 656 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago, 613 were present.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**  
All services as usual Sunday and during next week. Every one is cordially invited to attend.  
John H. Crow, Pastor.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
Sunday School at 10 a. m., Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening.  
Every one is cordially invited to 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 7:30 p. m.  
Butman, Rev. R. A. Walker and Sam Butman, Sr.

**CHEERFUL WORKERS.**  
When members of the Cheerful Workers class of the Methodist church were entertained Friday night in the home of Miss Frances Marie Church, the following officers were elected: President, Miss Frances Marie Church; vice-president, Miss Lela Patterson; secretary-treasurer, Miss Lois Whiteley; reporter, Flo Rider; attendance committee, Lynn Shelton, chairman, Misses Wanda Hunter and Flo Rider.

Several table games were played and contests following the Halloween mode offered much amusement. Pumpkin pie, topped with whipped cream, and coffee were served to: Johnny Cox, class teacher, Mrs. Cox, Misses Mary Collins, Mary Bell Douglas, Elna Tucker, Frances Marie Church, Lois Whiteley, Lela Patterson, Nelda Clements, Wanda Hunter, Flo Rider, Messrs. Terrell Mashburn, and Lynn Shelton.

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**Famed Comedian Dies.**  
Hollywood, Calif., Nov. 12.—Chic Sale, 51, famous portrayer of rural characters on stage and screen, died Saturday in a hospital here of lobar pneumonia.

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