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MYERSMEN WIN COUNT, 20-16, ON SNYDER QUINTET

Badger Cagers in Improved Game Making Mark This Season; While Boys Lose to Loraine, Girls Take Victory.

On Tuesday night of last week, a much improved Badger quintet took on the Loraine Bulldogs here at the home gymnasium. The Badgers had dropped their first two starts to Tuscola and Roby and were determined to break into the win column. The visitors seemed just as determined to avenge the defeat handed them the latter part of the football season by the locals.

The Bulldogs piled up a large first half lead but the Myersmen came right back after the intermission to turn on the steam and put up a real scrap. Old Father Time was the deciding factor, however, and the game ended with Loraine in front, 29 to 21.

The local forces, however, salvaged half of their hopes as the Merkel girls showed the Loraine team how volley ball should be played. The girls seemed to think that they had to score a shut-out just in case the boys took a trimming, and they went about it in a business-like manner, scoring five goals to one for the invaders.

The "mighty" Snyder quintet has come to town! In case you are not acquainted with the facts in the case, Snyder has a much publicized five of six footers and above. Not all of the stratosphere scrapers were in the troupe that took a thrashing from the Badgers Thursday night, Dec. 17. Some will be ineligible until the second semester. Just the same, Coach Myers and his boys deserve a lot of credit for taking the count of a club which Coach Berry said early in the season had prospects superior to those of his Cushing State finalists of last year. "Come out and back those Badgers!"

The Snyder team was unable to avenge the tie that the locals pinned on them at the height of the football season, one of the only two such blots on the otherwise perfect district record of the district champions. The final count was 20 to 16 despite the fact that the Merkel line-up was composed almost entirely of substitutes at the end of the game, half of the regular starters having fouled out.

Invite Merkel Woman As Installing Officer

Members of Trent Grove No. 668, Woodmen Circle, have invited Mrs. Lila R. Rea to be installing officer for a joint installation of the Woodmen Camp and Circle to be held on Wednesday, Jan. 6. Mrs. Mae Seago has been named as installing attendant, and Mrs. Irene Barnes as installing chaplain.

Record of Births.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Truett Meeks, Sunday, December 20, 1936.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roads, Wednesday, December 23, 1936.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Announcement is made by Sam Houston college that Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt will be in Huntsville Sunday afternoon, Mar. 7, to deliver an address.

State Comptroller George H. Shepard reports that property valuations for tax purposes aggregated \$3,856,838,697 this year in Texas, an increase of \$56,792,601 over 1935.

E. K. Williams, 61, founder of the Temple Telegram and its publisher from 1907 to 1929, died suddenly at his home Thursday night, Dec. 17, of a heart ailment.

August Timmie, 90-year-old farmer, was struck by an auto and killed instantly as he walked along the highway near Beeville.

Dallas city councilmen have voted to ban marble boards, slot machines and horse race booking establishments after Jan. 1.

Carroll Manning, 18, was electrocuted Sunday when he touched an electric fixture in the bathroom at his home at Alice. When members of his family found him, his arm still was upraised and his hand was clutching the light.

Two small children at Denton were burned fatally Saturday and their father and mother seriously when the father, William Coulter, 28, threw kerosene into a stove to kindle a fire.

John W. Carpenter, Jr., 19, Dallas, and Justice Howard Amason, Jr., 21, Roswell, N. M., University of Texas students, died Sunday from injuries received in an automobile accident Saturday night.

Earl G. Kerr, 60, owner of a general mercantile store and postmaster at Woodbine, eight miles east of Gainesville, was found shot to death Tuesday night near his store.

Carl D. West, 24, of Cooper, was charged with robbery with firearms a few hours after an unsuccessful attempt to rob the First National Bank of Commerce. He was arrested as he started to leave the bank.

Additional motor vehicle registration fees collected through enforcement activities of the Texas highway patrol exceeded by \$234,285 expenses of the last fiscal year.

Cresson H. Kearney of San Antonio, who is attending Princeton university, was one of four young men selected as Rhodes scholars to Oxford university in England at a meeting of committee for the Gulf district at New Orleans.

Drops Dead After Race.
New Orleans, Dec. 23.—Cann Cook, a 7-year-old gelding, by Champion, dropped dead after running in the second race at Fair Grounds Saturday. He was believed to have died of an internal hemorrhage.

\$110,000,000 Sent to Texas.
Washington, Dec. 23.—Government statistics show that more than \$110,000,000 had been sent to Texas by emergency government agencies during 1936.

WINS CHAMPION DISPLAY, JONES COUNTY SHOW

Yates Brown Also Shows Best Female Entry at Anson; Several Local Poultry Fanciers Also Bring Back Prizes.

Yates Brown's exhibit of Partridge Wyandottes won champion display at the Jones County Poultry show, held at Anson Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. He also showed the best female in the show, all breeds competing, with a Partridge Wyandotte pullet. Other winners by this entrant were: 1st, 2nd and 3rd pullet and 2nd and 3rd hen.

A number of Merkel poultry fanciers entered the Anson show, the winnings being reported as follows:

Raymond Ferguson: 2nd cockerel, 2nd young pen, 2nd and 3rd old hen, 4th cock, Production Leghorns.

A. R. Sharp: 1st cockerel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th pullet; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th hen, of Orpingtons.

R. J. Miller: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th pullet; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th cock, White Plymouth Rocks.

Bob Mayfield: 3rd cock, 3rd hen, 5th pullet, Rhode Island Reds.

R. A. Ellis: 5th hen, Rhode Island Red.

J. R. Baze: 1st cock, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th pullet, Speckled Sussex.

Post Office to Close Christmas, New Year's

The local post office will be closed all day Friday, Christmas Day, and also the following Friday, New Year's Day, according to an announcement from the post office at Denton. There will include a holiday for several carriers on both days.

Both banks will also be closed on both days as usual, while public schools, which dismissed on Wednesday afternoon, will resume until Monday morning, Jan. 4, 1937.

Circle Invites W. O. W. To Join in Installation

Merkel Grove No. 563, Woodmen Circle, met in regular session on Thursday, Dec. 17, with Mrs. Winnie Turner, newly elected guardian, presiding as pro tem and Mrs. Katie Church filling the station of past guardian in the absence of Mrs. Lila Rea.

The Grove voted to invite the local W. O. W. camp to join in the installation of officers, which will be held Tuesday, Jan. 5. Mrs. Eldora Guitart will be installing officer, Mrs. Mae Seago installing attendant, and Mrs. Elsie Bowen installing chaplain.

All Woodmen and their families, all past guardians and members of the Grove are especially invited to be present. Members of the installing committee named will meet at the W. O. W. hall to practice the work for this occasion. Refreshments will be served.

The drill team will meet for practice at the hall on Monday, Dec. 28, at 2:30 p. m.

Mrs. Wilhite Presents Pupils in Recital

Pupils of Mrs. George W. Wilhite were presented in speech recital at the Grammar School auditorium Monday evening of this week in the following program:

Part I:
Christmas Greetings, Norma Jean Hodge.
Dolly's Presents, Loveta Coffman.
Two Santa Clauses, Baby Lou Dunnegan.
If Santa Should Fall, Dick Sears.
A Hidden Blush, Bobby Hodge.
Apple Tarts, Harold Hughes.
Little Marjorie, Marilyn Petty.
Dad's New Auto, Don Dudley.
A Regular Wiggler, Joy Frances West.

Whoop-to-Doodle, "Little Jimmie." Playlet—"Santa Claus' Doll Shop," (Christmas Eve Night), Pre-School class.

Part II:
Santa Claus, Billy Baze.
Friends, Jerry McGehee.
The Highwayman, Helen Heeter.
Miss Dorothy Entertains the Minister, Becky Gaither.
Virtue's Reward, Moody Lee Coffman.

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CHILDREN BRING CHRISTMAS TO GRANDMA PALMER

Students of Compere Community, Joined by Children and Other Relatives Shower Invailid With Fruits and Presents.

The spirit of Christmas prevailed in the Compere community Thursday afternoon, Dec. 17, when the school children stormed Mrs. C. L. Palmer, an invalid for many years and better known as Grandma Palmer, with a fruit and candy shower.

The primary children, under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. M. K. Milner, put on a play, "In Santa Claus Land," for the honoree, and the high school girls sang Christmas carols. The children were fully costumed and such characters as a chubby Santa Claus, fairy, dolls of all nationalities, clowns, monkeys, dogs, sailors, soldiers, elves, bad wolf and jack-in-the-box were portrayed.

Mrs. Palmer's children, grandchildren and many of her friends, joined in the shower, and mailed their Christmas packages a few days early in time to reach her for the holiday. Her bed was loaded with beautiful and useful presents.

Friends who were not present by great numbers were Sam Greer, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Childers and family from the Green Lake Garden City; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Taylor and family, Mrs. Mary Pittman and Mrs. John Pittman and Mrs. Eddie Smyth, and children of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Palmer and their son, Mr. C. L. Palmer, Mrs. E. L. Bell, Mrs. N. B. Bell; Mr. Arvis Arrington and family, Mr. and Mrs. Brow Palmer, Miss Imogene Palmer, all of Cheasaca, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin, Sr., Merkel.

The children and friends present were: Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Palmer, H. C. Palmer, Mrs. C. L. Foster, Mrs. Annie Bean, Mrs. M. K. Milner, Troy, Billy and Alvin Vinson, Velma Lee Allred, Jerry, Betty and Bill David Ray, Billy and Lorence Bond, Lee Roy, J. D. C. W., R. J., Vernon and Mary Jean Horton, R. G., Wayne, Jacquetta and Mary June Palmer, Riley and Burton Foster, Mac Vincent, Jewel and Irene Keener, Inez Tarvin, Elsie and J. D. Smith, Margarette and Floyd Breeden, Bill and Dick Thomas, Travis and Beatrice Townsend, Lois Marie Clemmer, Lee Roy Ramsey and John Horton.

Sister of Commissioner Canon Dies in Abilene

Mrs. Sarah C. Canon, sister of Commissioner A. E. Canon, died Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at her home, 875 Vine street, Abilene. She had been ill since the previous Sunday, but her condition was not considered serious until a few hours before her death.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Lutheran funeral chapel, with Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, in charge. Burial was in the family plot, besides the graves of her parents, in the Stith cemetery.

Mrs. Roff, who was 70 years old on Nov. 17, was born in Fannin county, her maiden name having been Sarah C. Canon. She was married to Ben Roff 52 years ago in Grayson county, living there about 20 years, when the family moved to Binghampton, N. Y. Mr. Roff died there July 4, 1904, and Mrs. Roff came to Abilene 14 years ago.

Survivors are: one daughter, Mrs. Mary Yeaton; one granddaughter, Mary Carter; three brothers, A. J. Canon, Merkel; Sam Canon, Abilene, and Bob Canon, Rocky, Okla., and two sisters, Mrs. W. E. Bradley, Stith, and Mrs. Minnie Wright, Greenville. Her parents were pioneers of the Stith community.

Resident of Divide Section Passes Away

Funeral services were held at Slater's chapel Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Mrs. J. A. Jeffrey, 60, resident of the Divide section, who died Thursday night at her home. Rev. Mr. Richardson, primitive Baptist preacher of Bronte, officiated.

Mrs. Jeffrey is survived by her husband and six children.

Mary's Christmas Party

(By Nell Pruitt.)

The snow came down in its lazy way as a little ragged, shivering form of a small child made its way through the street that was lighted with red, green and blue lights. The little feet that made the snow crunch under their tread were but half covered. Little red toes could be seen sticking out. Yes, it was Christmas in Village Town but to that little form it meant only twenty-four hours in which to seek food and medicine for her little brother who was now lying sick on the old straw mattress in the dark attic room. The child's name was Mary. At least, that was what the Beautiful Woman had called her five years ago, before she had died. That was the only name she knew. Some people that met her upon the street and noticed her called her "the brat."

Little Mary's feet beat a steady tattoo down the snowy street—suddenly they stopped. She stood in front of a big, gray, dull-looking house—the only one that was not decorated for Christmas.

Inside that house, Mr. Rand paced the length of his richly furnished study. Each pad of his foot on the expensive rug seemed to say, "three years ago." It was three years ago that a Christmas Angel had come and taken his little fair-haired child with him. Since that time, he had never celebrated Christmas; he never played with children, or even allowed any to enter his house. His time was spent in his study, studying and thinking!

Outside, a small, thin, cold hand was pressing the door bell timidly. In-
"was opened by a stiff-backed butler. A small voice cried, "Oh, please, sir, could you give me just a bit of food or some medicine? You see, my little brother—"; the door slammed in her face. The little form slid unconscious to the steps. She had not eaten in three days! Again the Christmas Angel came and took another fair child from that house.

As the clock struck twelve, Mr. Rand went to bed to think more of his lost jewel. An angel appeared with an envelope in his hand. It was the same angel that had taken his child away. Mr. Rand opened the envelope and read, "Your child shall return tonight. Watch!" Jumping out of bed, Mr. Rand found that there was no angel, no message, only the same dreary room. Just a dream!

The old clock struck seven. The faithful and devoted butler came into Mr. Rand's room to awaken him. His master was up and gone. Alarmed the butler searched through the house and finally stood amazed to find him seated at the small lifeless form of a child whose face he had closed. He heard his master saying, "You did come back! My own child—just as I saw you last, in the little white coffin!"

Thirty years have passed, and for each Christmas of each year there has been a merry Christmas party given for all the poor little street waifs in that dull gray house that is now lighted up beautifully. The hostess of this party is a marble statue of little Mary. The host is a gray-haired bent old man who smiles at the leaving children, who call to him, "Merry Christmas!" He turns to Mary and with tears in his eyes says, "Maybe I won't be here next Christmas, but always you shall be here to watch over our little children!"

Teachers Depart for Homes for Holidays

While most of the teachers in the public schools who reside here will spend Christmas at home, those whose homes are elsewhere are planning to return home for the holidays.

In the Grammar school, Misses Virginia Creighton and Ella Mae Hogan will spend Christmas at home in Abilene, Miss Sybil Smith either at home or in Van Zant, Texas, while Miss Vera Hayes goes to Gatesville.

Supt. and Mrs. Burgess will visit his parents and Mrs. Burgess' mother in Lubbock; Coach Rex Myers goes to Meridian; C. H. Collinsworth and Mrs. Collinsworth to visit his parents at Winters; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rudd, to visit his parents in Abilene. Other High School teachers who plan to go home are: Miss Neweta Cleveland, to Plains; Miss Juanita Stroud, to Money Grove, and Miss Nelda Clements, to Brownwood.

YULE PROGRAMS PRESENTED AT TWO CHURCHES

Pageant, "The Star of Bethlehem," is Featured at the First Baptist Church; Also Special Program by Combined Choirs.

Special Christmas programs were presented Sunday evening at the First Baptist church and at the Methodist church, the latter services being in cooperation with the Presbyterian church.

At the Baptist church, a pageant, "The Star of Bethlehem," was presented under the direction of Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes. The setting depicted a night scene in the Holy Land, with a star shining above the baptistry visualizing the theme of the pageant.

During the singing of "Silent Night" by the choir, characters representing Faith, Hope and Love took their places and with Clark Mundy as reader, each revealed their mission in life. Principals were: Faith, Helen Joyner; Hope, Mrs. Edith Baker Leach; Love, Mrs. Yates Brown, who also joined in singing as a trio, "The Birthday of a King."

Following the story, other characters appeared: Billy Largent as David, J. P. Rudd as the shepherd, Mrs. J. L. Winter as Anna and Vivian Davis as Mary. Very effective and touching were the scenes between Every Mother and Every Daughter (Mrs. A. R. Booth and Miss Clara Frances Largent), and between Every Father and Every Son (W. J. Largent and Weldon Davis.) Climaxing the story, Mrs. Haynes read "The Other Wise Man."

Songs by the congregation and special numbers by the choir were augmented by group singing, including the beginners, primary, younger girls and juniors while another trio, Misses Pearl Mathews, Frances Higgins and Pauline Joyner, were also on the program of special numbers.

CHOIR PROGRAM.
A special program by the combined choirs of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, with solos and a reading, was rendered at the Methodist church, which was effectively dressed in evergreens and Christmas colors for the occasion. The arch over the pulpit was bordered with rich cedars and vari-colored lights, the program being given in this atmosphere of warmth and cheerfulness, while the main auditorium was darkened. The chancel rail was topped with tall red tapers burning brightly.

Opening with the congregation singing "Come, All Ye Faithful," Rev. R. A. Walker led in a prayer of thankfulness and the scripture lesson was given by the pastor, Rev. John H. Crow.

Interspersing the choir selections, Miss Dorothy Shannon sang "Bethlehem" and Mrs. De Veri Johnson's solo was "Ave Maria," with Miss Christine Collins playing accompaniment for both numbers. In a most appropriate reading, Mrs. George W. Wilhite depicted "The Trial of the Christmas Spirit," which in the hushed silence and subdued light of the church building brought out so beautifully the true meaning of the Christmas season. At the conclusion of the program, a voluntary offering was made for the Methodist Orphans home.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM.
At 10:15 Wednesday morning the following Christmas program was given in the High School building: "Silent Night," choral club and Glee Club members.

Scripture reading, Supt. Burgess. Vocal trio, "Away in the Manger," Mrs. Yates Brown, Pauline Joyner, Mrs. Edith Baker Leach.

Prayer.
Christmas Carols, Choral club.
"What Christmas Means," Weldon Davis.

Vocal solo, "Star of the East," Dorothy Shannon.

Talk to student body, Rev. John H. Crow, pastor of the Methodist church.

Attends Funeral of Brother at Denton

J. S. Pinckley and Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley went to Denton Friday to attend the funeral of Mr. Pinckley's brother, who died there Thursday.

Miss Fay Pinckley, who attends NTST college at Denton, returned with them to spend the holidays and Miss Marie Pinckley of Irene also joined them at Fort Worth on the trip home to spend the holidays.

December 31--Last Day FALL BARGAIN RATES

Until December 31, bargain rates will continue on all the daily papers, (except the Dallas News,) the Semi-Weekly Farm News and special magazine clubs in combination with the Merkel Mail.

Do not let the opportunity pass to supply your reading for next year at these money-saving club rates.

THE MERKEL MAIL

"Your Home Town Newspaper"

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools reached 667 last Sunday. On the previous Sunday 649 were present, and the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 608.

METHODIST CHURCH.
Friday evening (Christmas Day) the Intermediates will sing to the shut-ins.
All regular services as usual Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

On New Year's eve the young people will hold a watch night service.
John H. Crow, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.
You are cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. As Brother Rollings will go to his home in Tennessee for Christmas, we will have Silas Triplett, A. C. C. student, to preach for us Sunday. Young people's program 6 p. m. on Sunday.
A service of song, prayer and

preaching for each Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.
You are cordially invited to attend these services.
The Elders.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. BTS at 6:15 p. m. WMU Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.
You are cordially invited to attend these services.

NAZARENE CHURCH.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. NYPS meeting at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.
Watch night service on New Year's

Eve, at which time we will begin a revival to continue two weeks.
R. T. Smith, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.
Preaching Saturday night at 7 o'clock. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School is growing and Brother Early is bringing some true gospel messages. All are cordially invited to come and hear him.
R. C. Reagh, Supt.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.
Notice is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday the 12th day of January, 1937, at 6 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
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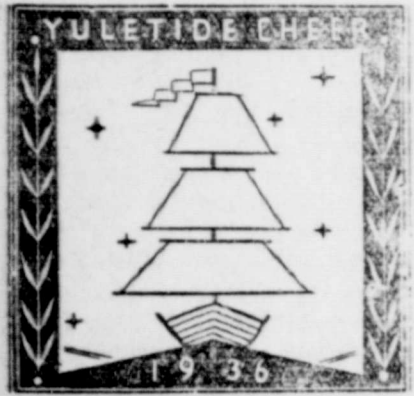


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Christmas Greetings

Now comes the high tide of the year, Christmas, when the human heart looks back upon the spent year and forward into the new one.

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May your Christmas echo and re-echo in tune with the spirit of the Founder of this glad day!

May you have peace and prosperity, health and happiness; this is our Christmas wish for you.

Max Mellinger

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Christmas

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THE DISAPPOINTED.

Although there are some students in High school this six weeks who were disappointed with their report cards, they should only work all the harder next six weeks instead of giving up in despair.

What is true of grades is true of every activity of life—don't give up just because you stepped on a banana skin and failed to reach your aim. Remember:

There are songs enough for the hero
 Who dwells on the heights of fame;
 I sing of the disappointed—
 For those who have missed their aim.

I sing for the breathless runner,
 The eager, anxious soul,
 Who falls with his strength exhausted,
 Almost in sight of the goal;

For the hearts that break in silence,
 With a sorrow all unknown,
 For those who need companions,
 Yet walk their ways alone.

There are songs enough for the lovers
 Who share love's tender pain,
 I sing for the one whose passion
 Is given all in vain.

And I know the solar system
 Must somewhere keep in space
 A prize for that spent runner
 Who barely lost the race.

For the plan would be imperfect
 Unless it held some sphere
 That paid for the toil and talent
 And love that are wasted here.

—By Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

It's no disgrace to slip and fall, we sympathize with the man who is so unfortunate in the game of life, but we only despise the one who just sits there. It is easy enough to alibi, to shun the blame and consequences, but it takes a man to take it on the chin and come back trying. Regardless of whether you reach your goal the first time or not, keep on trying for there is always someone who wants to see you make good. Don't give up until you have finished.

BADGER ANNUAL.

The Annual staff is at work all the time making plans for the new "Badger." The Senior class is trying to sell magazines this week to make money for the Annual. A large per cent of the subscription price goes to the sponsors of the Annual.

All students are urged to buy their Annuals now because the price is lower now than it will be later; also, everyone wants to be sure to get an Annual and the only way that you may assure yourself of an Annual is to get in your reservation now.

CHAPEL.

The student body met in the study hall Tuesday morning, Dec. 15, for the purpose of hearing several announcements. Sylvan Mellinger and Junior Grimes talked about the "Badger," Annual yearbook publication of the Senior class. Mr. Burgess, Mr. Rudd and Mr. Myers made announcements.

Pearl Mathews, Pauline Joyner and Frances Higgins opened the assembly with a brief program in song, singing a lullaby as a trio.

PLAYERS CLUB.

Forty-two members of the Merkel High School Players' club proved allegiance to their organization by attending the second program and social meeting of the year. Twelve players



McCoy Barber Shop

were hosts for this well planned evening's entertainment: Ina Mae Berryman, Janet Berry, Mary Jo Garland, D La Vergne Teague, Sis Gamble, Betty Grimes, Phyllis Smith, Billy Wood, Paul Riney, Dick West, Eteyl Church and Weldon Davis.

Two one-act plays were presented for study. In "Widow on Wednesday" appeared five characters, Mary Jo Russell, Billy Wood, Eteyl Church, Grovone Ford and Betty Grimes. A good Christmas message was brought through "A Christmas Awakening," presented by Doyle Gray, Roy Hagler, Mary Jo Garland, Pauline Joyner, Weldon Davis, De La Vergne Teague and Dick West.

A varied program of other numbers was also well received: vocal solo, Elna Tucker; dramatic poem, Pauline McAninch; Christmas story, Mary Jo Russell; a Christmas legend, La Verne Hughes; poems, Vernell Bland; essay, Weldon Davis; music, chorus from the Girls' club.

Preceding the business hour, refreshments consisting of punch and candy bars were served to the regular members and seven visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Rudd, Misses Watson, Stroud, Cleveland, and Mrs. Haynes, club sponsor.

BEAUX AND BELLES CLUB.

The Beaux and Belles club met in a delightful business and social hour Dec. 1. The High School studio was beautifully decorated with autumn leaves for the occasion. The program was carried out with a study of famous authors. The minutes were read and the roll was called by the secretary, Anne Blake.

The program was as follows: "The Life of Helen Keller," told by Anne Lee Blake; a poem, "Little Orphan Annie," given by Betty Jo Reid; a song, "Lights Out," sung by Bonnie Church and Loudale Gray; a poem, "Rainy Day," given by Joyce Renfro; a story, told by Clyde Deavers.

To conclude the program, Frances Hester gave a humorous story, "How the Elephant Got Its Trunk." Refreshments were served to thirty-one class members.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB.

The Home Economics club is planning a Christmas party for Tuesday night, Dec. 22. All the girls have drawn names and are to bring a gift. A program has been planned and all the girls are hoping for a good time.

F. F. A.

The Merkel F. F. A. Chapter have



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DOAN'S PILLS

been working on field trips lately. They have been visiting members of the chapter at their homes and doing work of one particular kind such as caponizing.

The chapter meeting was called off Tuesday, Dec. 15, for the basketball game which was played at the Merkel gym.

The members have been making a lot of rope lately. There has been made several hundred feet of rope during study periods.

The next meeting of the F. F. A. will be after the Christmas holidays unless there is a special meeting called by our president. Every one is invited to attend any of these meetings.

SPANISH CLUB.

The "Las Cucarachas" met in the Gym Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 7 o'clock. There was a very interesting program given that consisted of: a song by Frances Higgins and Hollis Perry, a game by Mildred Humphreys, a bull fight presented by Dick West, Jr. Grimes, and Vincent Barnett. Another game was played called "Breaking the Penata."

Dick West and Fannelle Gray passed out the Christmas presents from a beautifully decorated Xmas tree. Mrs. Nash and Julius, a Spanish boy who is now living here, Mr. and Mrs. Rudd, and Miss Cleveland were guests whom we enjoyed having very much.

Mr. Burgess was able to attend for a few minutes and commented on the good time everyone was seemingly having.

There is no date set for the next (Continued on Page Six.)

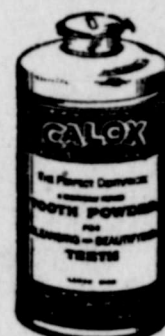


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