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CARS WANTED TAKE BADGERS UP TO ROSCOE

Any One Willing to Furnish Car For Friday's Game Asked to Notify Coach Davis or Supt. Robinson; Leave 1:30 P. M.

Cars will be needed to carry the Badger football squad to Roscoe Friday afternoon for the second conference game of the season, said Coach Pat Davis, and any one who is willing to furnish a car should notify either Davis or Supt. Robinson. It is planned to leave the High School building at 1:30 p. m.

The Merkel Badger band and Pep Squad will not go as units to the Roscoe game, but will be well represented as individual students.

On Friday, Oct. 15, the Badgers play Rotan on the local field, this game having been moved up from Oct. 22, when the Baird game was cut out.

Badgers Trail 39-7 In Colorado Game

The Badgers opened the district 6-B race in Colorado last Friday night by losing to a heavier and more experienced club which outplayed them all the way but never outfought them. The final score was 39 to 7.

The Wolves opened up with a determined offense in the first quarter to score two touchdowns, Jackson and Chadwick duplicated their first quarter's work by scoring twice more in the second quarter.

The Badgers showed an improved offensive game but lacked the final punch that was needed to score except in the last period when West scored after a sustained drive from mid-field. West and Windham did most of the ball carrying in this drive.

Statistics of the game:
First downs—Colorado 15, Merkel 8.
Penalties—Colorado 75 yards, Merkel 15 yards.
Punts—Jackson five times for 25 yard average; West ten times for 30 yard average.
Passes—Colorado attempted 10, two complete for 70 yards, 8 incomplete; Merkel attempted 12, two complete, two intercepted and 8 incomplete.

List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The jury panel in 42nd district court for next week includes the following names:

Lloyd West, C. A. Bond, R. F. Cutler, N. D. Cobb, J. Abernathy, George Sublett, J. Z. Price, W. M. Warner, C. E. Foster, Merkel; J. P. Wood, Jr., J. T. Varnell, E. A. Pfler, Franklin Nelson, W. F. Bigler, E. W. Wisdom, W. G. Swenson, R. E. Lankford, Roy Ellison, S. M. Murrell, N. D. Hodgkiss, H. C. Cloud, J. W. Holliday, A. B. Pennington, J. F. Jones, L. D. Marshall, Ray Antille, Joe M. Totten, G. K. Chalker, R. F. Babb, L. L. Cheatham, R. G. Cogdell, J. D. Wood, J. Carl Holden, W. O. Huff, H. A. Duty, Fred Little, W. L. Blakney, W. H. Summers, Abilene; J. T. Blount, C. A. Edenborough, Guion; W. G. Stewart, H. L. Patterson, C. H. Presler, Lawn; G. W. Shafer, W. W. Cook, G. W. Ballard, H. C. Self, Wingate; A. L. Kirkpatrick, Bradshaw; Floyd Tate, Buffalo Gap; J. J. Stewart, Ovale.

Headquarters, Also Playground for Local Girl Scout Troops

Merkel Girl Scouts can now boast of headquarters and a playground. The first comes as a courtesy from Miss Johnny Sears, who has allowed the Girl Scouts the use of the room adjoining her garage for their meeting place. Miss Lottie Butman has given them the use of the lot adjoining the Butman home for a playground.

Still another gift to the Girl Scouts comes in the offer of Sam Butman, Sr., that they may have rock from his ranch for building a Scout cabin on the playground. To this end the girls are now busily engaged selling Dolly Duzits and will also sell Christmas cards to raise money to build the cabin.

Pine Tree Troop has been divided into two groups this year, Troop No. 1 and Troop No. 2, or High school and Grammar school divisions, respectively.

New leaders this year are Mesdames R. J. Miller, Bob McDonald, Misses Lottie Butman and Johnny Sears.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

J. Redding, 25, fell from a truck and was killed at Groveton. The rear wheel of the truck passed over his body.

Guadalupe Martinez, 63, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed an outbuilding at Laredo. The origin of the blaze was not known.

Bill Dawson drew a 14-year prison sentence Friday in district court at Sweetwater for killing Mayor Arthur Parker of Roscoe last June.

Texas' August production of 46,877,875 barrels crude oil "far exceeded" any previous month, C. V. Terrell, chairman of the railroad commission, announced.

A court of inquiry at Raymondville into the disappearance of Luther and John Blanton was recessed Monday until Oct. 18, after E. P. White of Raymondville was sworn in as bailiff.

Pending the arrival of federal matching funds, expected about Oct. 10, old age assistance officials at Austin said 113,971 October checks for \$1,562,214 were ready to be put in the mails.

Numerous reports that sleeping sickness affecting horses and mules in north and northwest Texas is spreading are not borne out in reports to the state sanitary livestock commission.

Tom L. Forehand, 21, of Houston, A. & M. college student, was in a critical condition Wednesday from injuries suffered late Tuesday in a plane crash which killed David Murphy, 21, of Mexia.

Including fees for renewal of permits, Texas liquor revenues collected during August reached a total of \$754,661, outstripping last August's figure by \$106,398. July revenue amounted to \$457,331.

Mrs. Robert S. Shelley, past state matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, died Saturday night at Austin. Funeral services were held there Sunday, after which the body was sent to Eagle Pass for burial.

Mrs. Eugene Tyler, 26, of Corpus Christi, was killed when the car in which she was returning home from Blanket turned over near Tuleita. Her husband and two small sons escaped with minor bruises.

Fire which caused an estimated \$25,000 damage, razing seven business houses at Sunday, left two persons dead and three injured. The dead are: Kenneth Dodge, 25, of Berger, and Red Hoover, 35, believed to be from Kansas.

Mrs. Ann Gardner, 27, and her 13-month-old daughter, Frances Seleta, of Canutillo, were killed and two children were critically hurt in an automobile accident near El Paso when the car driven by their mother crashed into a tree.

B. E. Quinn, gray-haired state legislator from Beaumont, was no-billed by a Travis county grand jury on a charge of murder in connection with the slaying of Herman R. Hicks, 41, of Houston, last May, in a hotel corridor at Austin.

A 9-0 victory Tuesday night over the Little Rock Travelers gave Fort Worth a four-to-one edge and the Dixie series baseball pennant—back in Fort Worth for the first time in seven years but for the seventh time since the classic started 17 years ago.

Roy Thornton, husband of the notorious Bonnie Parker, was killed late Sunday when guards foiled an attempted prison break at the Eastham prison farm near Weldon. Austin Avers, one-time associate of Raymond Hamilton, also was killed and two other convicts were wounded.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Edd Walker, Saturday, October 2, 1937.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Perkins, Trent, Saturday, October 2, 1937.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Lassiter, south of town, Saturday, October 2, 1937.

Blair School Opens Monday. The Blair school will open Monday, Oct. 11, at 9 o'clock. T. R. Francis is principal, Miss Elleta Foster, intermediate teacher, and Miss Nina Bell Russell, primary teacher. The trustees of the school are R. E. Windham, Z. Moore and Carl Hughes.

rites held here for Mrs. Deci Sharp Bourn

Wife of J. S. Bourn and Daughter of Pioneer Merkel Family Dies at Winters; Survived by Husband and One Son.

Funeral services were held at the Church of Christ here at 10 o'clock Saturday morning for Mrs. Deci Sharp Bourn, wife of J. S. Bourn, who died Thursday night in a Winters hospital following a caesarian operation. An infant daughter, born Thursday night, passed away at the time of the mother's death.

The body was brought overland from Winters Saturday morning by a Spill Funeral coach, with local arrangements in charge of the Barrow Undertaking company.

James F. Cox, president of Abilene Christian college, officiated for the last rites, with burial in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were Barney Bryant, Lee Hamilton and T. A. Smith, Winters; Dee Grimes, S. D. Gamble and George Woodrum, Merkel.

Deci Sharp was born in Merkel Jan. 7, 1903, and after graduating from the Merke High school attended Abilene Christian college, later teaching school at Stamford and Buffalo Gap. She was married June 7, 1929, to J. S. Bourn. The couple lived here until 1932 when Mr. Bourn was transferred to Winters as manager of the Community Natural Gas company. Later he became agent for an oil company there.

A large concourse of friends came from Winters for the funeral. Survivors besides her husband are a one and one-half year old son, Jimmy; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp, a pioneer family of Merkel; two sisters, Mrs. J. A. Haggard and Mrs. Elsie Nash, Merkel; five brothers, O. M. Sharp of Fort Worth, Kenneth Sharp of Hobbs, N. M., and Roscoe, Ari and Parker Sharp, Merkel.

Leonard Jinkens, 36, Dies Within Ten Days After Mother's Death

Leonard Jinkens, 36, died at 11:30 Tuesday morning at the Merkel hospital, where he was carried nearly two weeks before for treatment. Death was attributed by physicians to a brain abscess, following a carbuncle on his neck. During most of the entire period he spent in the hospital his condition was considered critical, with only slight improvement at intervals.

It was the second death in the Jinkens family in less than two weeks. His mother, Mrs. T. C. Jinkens, died Sept. 24.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning from Grace Presbyterian church, with Rev. R. A. Walker, the pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. John H. Crow, Methodist pastor. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were A. D. Fulton, Bertis Lang, Howard Laney, Twyman Collins, Homer Laney and Cramer Reynolds.

Born at Dora Dec. 1, 1901, Leonard Jinkens had spent most of his life in this immediate vicinity, having lived in Merkel the past ten years. He was married June 20, 1926, to Miss Ruby Reagan.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Dorothy Jean, 10, and Geraldine, 8; his father, T. C. Jinkens; two brothers, Lloyd Jinkens of Fort Worth and T. C. Jinkens, Jr., Merkel; and four sisters: Mrs. W. A. Steele of Sweetwater, Mrs. Troy Sloan of Noodle, Mrs. Ted Bicknell and Miss Ruby Jinkens, Merkel.

Exhibit Iron Lung At West Texas Fair

The Iron Lung, recently purchased by volunteer donations from the people of Taylor and surrounding counties, is proving one of the most popular attractions at the West Texas Free Fair, Abilene.

A "doll" or dummy is kept in the respirator, and the machine is kept in operation. It is located in the health exhibit building, immediately back of the woman's building.

MRS. BUTLER DIES SUDDENLY TUESDAY EVENING

Long Time Resident of Merkel Drops Dead As She Walks Along Street With Friend; Funeral Rites Held Thursday.

Mrs. W. D. Butler, 64, who had lived in this section since 1906, dropped dead about 8 o'clock Tuesday night, as she and Mrs. T. F. Lasater, a guest in her home, were walking along the street about a block from her home on their way to make a call. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Thursday morning from Grace Presbyterian church, of which she was a member, with her pastor, Rev. R. A. Walker, officiating, assisted by Rev. John H. Crow, Methodist pastor. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were T. T. Earthman, W. L. Blair, Fred Baker, Bob Fowler, Phillip Diltz and Dean Higgins. Minnie Lee McKee was born Mar. 1, 1873, at Honey Grove and was married there Nov. 20, 1890. The couple moved to this section in 1906 and had made their home in Merkel since Mr. Butler retired from farming about 12 years ago.

Survivors besides her husband are a brother, T. L. McKee, Honey Grove; a sister, Mrs. J. M. Holt, Lamesa, and several nieces and nephews and grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Death Claims Long Time Stith Resident

S. J. (Sid) Abernathy, 70, who was the last of a family of seven children, four of whom have passed away since April, 1935, died at 6:30 Sunday evening while sitting in a chair at his home in the Stith community, where he had lived more than 30 years.

Funeral services were held at 4:30 Monday afternoon at the graveside in Rose Hill cemetery, conducted by Rev. A. F. Click, pastor of the Tye Methodist church. The song service was led by a neighbor, Clyde Jones.

Mr. Abernathy was not married, but for many years lived with his widowed sister, the late Mrs. M. A. Massey, and helped her raise her family. At the time of his death, he was living in this home with two nieces, Mrs. Maggie Wilson and Miss Myrtle Massey.

Born in Giles county, Tenn., he came to Texas as a child, settling first in Fannin county and moving to Tom Green county in 1905, where he lived for about a year. It was in 1906 that he moved to the Stith community. Mr. Abernathy was converted 40 years ago and joined the Methodist church.

Besides the two nieces mentioned above, he is survived by four other nieces and five nephews. The nieces are Miss Dessie McFarland, Miss Clara McFarland, Mrs. Goldie Winter, Snyder; Mrs. Luster Stallings, Leonard; the nephews, C. I. Massey, Austwell; C. A. Massey, Tula; W. R. and A. R. Massey, Snyder, and Les Abernathy, Leonard. Mrs. S. R. Abernathy of Rochester, a sister-in-law, was numbered among the sorrowing relatives who came for the funeral.

School Causes Need Support from Friends

Those in touch with affairs in Austin feel that friends of the schools should communicate with members of the legislature at once and urge them to do three things:

1. Support a feasible plan for financing teacher retirement plan as was voted by the people of the state.

2. Work for an increased appropriation to provide transportation for rural children—a need which school people recognize is imperative. The present appropriation is only large enough to operate busses until Christmas.

3. Vigorously oppose efforts now being made to transfer to other funds a part of the revenue already allocated to the available school fund.

According to Supt. Connor Robinson of the Merkel schools, some legislators feel that sentiment in the state is overwhelmingly against financing teacher retirement, providing busses for rural children, and adequately supporting the entire school program.

MAYOR TALKS ABOUT THE NEW SIGNAL LIGHT

"We are very well pleased with our investment in the new signal light that has been recently installed at the intersection of the highway and Oak street," said Mayor W. M. Elliott Wednesday.

"City Marshal Vaughn reports that the public in general are co-operating nicely in regard to most all of the traffic regulations.

"Rules regarding the new traffic signal are the same as used by Abilene. Cars or other vehicles may make a right turn on a red light, provided they first come to a complete stop. No left turn shall be made on a red light.

"All pedestrians crossing the highway at Oak street are warned to wait for a green light. This will make the hazard to school children, at this point, much less, if they will watch the signal.

"All motor vehicles coming onto the highway from any intersection within the city limits must first come to a complete stop.

"Double parking or parking in the middle of the street is not permitted, either on North Front street or on Elm street between the Farmers State bank corner and the Independent Ice corner."

When asked about the penalty for violation of rules regarding the new traffic signal, Mayor Elliott stated that the fine would be \$3.00 for first violations.

Local Poultry Fanciers Show Prize Winners At West Texas Fair

Four Merkel poultry fanciers were among the leading winners in the West Texas Fair poultry awards. Names of the breeders and their prize-winning birds are:

Bill Sheppard—Barred Plymouth Rocks, first, second, fourth and fifth pullets.

R. J. Miller—White Plymouth Rocks, first hen; first, second, third, fourth and fifth cockerels, first second, third, fourth and fifth pullets; best five cockerels, one variety, best solid pen in show.

A. R. Sharp—Buff Orpingtons, first, second, third and fourth cockerels, first, second, third, fourth, fifth pullets.

Yates Brown—Partridge Wyandottes, first, second, third, fourth and fifth hens; Black Cochon bantams, second cock, first hen.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, October 5, 1917.)

Honoring W. L. Diltz, Jr., who soon will leave for Camp Travis, San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen extended invitations to dinner last Tuesday. The meal was served at high noon and those to enjoy the hospitality of this pleasant home as well as the deliciously prepared dinner were, besides the honor guest, Misses Evelyn Williams, Maude Martin and E. Q. Warren.

Misses Laura and Clara Beard left several days ago for Denton where they have entered school, the former attending the State Normal and the latter, the high school. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Beard, who have sold their home on Bettis heights, will leave at once for Denton where they will make their home.

Misses Gyrille Howard and Anna Maye Costephens, accompanied by Roy Costephens and Ed Holmes, attended the circus at Abilene Saturday. From there they went to Roscoe to visit Miss Costephens' sister, Mrs. Johnson. The young ladies returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sharp left Tuesday in their car to visit Mrs. Sharp's brother, Britain Jobe, at

NEXT MEETING OCT. 13 LOCAL P. T. A. UNIT

"Family Co-Operation on Health and Safety," to be discussed By Dr. C. B. Gardner; Red Cross Nurse Also Coming.

Dr. C. B. Gardner, who is the health doctor for the Merkel schools, is to be one of the speakers at the next meeting of the Merkel unit of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. His subject will be "Family Co-Operation on Health and Safety," the theme for the year's P. T. A. work being "Successful Family Living."

Miss Alma Richardson, Taylor county Red Cross nurse, will also be a speaker.

The meeting time will be 3:45 next Tuesday, Oct. 13, but preceding the meeting of the association, all chairmen of committees, the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, who compose the executive committee, are asked to meet at 3 o'clock at the High School building.

The completed list of officers, committees, etc., of the Merkel P. T. A. follows:

President, Mrs. Connor Robinson; vice-president, Mrs. C. B. Gardner; secretary, Mrs. Joe Self; treasurer, Mrs. Sam Swann; historian, Mrs. Ross Ferrier; parliamentarian, Supt. Connor Robinson.

COMMITTEES.

Program—Mrs. Wrenn Durham, chairman; Miss Mildred Burnett, Mrs. C. B. Gardner, Mrs. J. A. Grable, Miss Mary Virginia Creighton.

Membership—Mrs. O. R. Dye, chairman; Miss Lottie Butman, Mrs. C. H. Collinsworth.

Publicity—Mrs. Bob McDonald, chairman; Mrs. Harry Barnett, Miss Vera Walker.

Music—Mrs. Comer Haynes, chairman; Miss Emma Joyner.

Hospitality—Mrs. F. C. McFarland, chairman; Mrs. Maimie Ellis, Mrs. A. R. Booth, Mrs. Stanley King, Mrs. John Shannon, Mrs. Rex Myers, Mrs. Pat Davis.

Budget and finance—Mrs. Clyde Sears, chairman.

Parent education and publications—Mrs. Rufus Adcock, chairman; Mrs. Eteyl Church.

Room representatives—Mrs. Allen McGehee, chairman; Mrs. Robert Hicks, Mrs. L. L. Grimes.

ROOM MATRONS AND TEACHERS.
Seniors—Miss Juanita Stroud, sponsor; Mrs. R. T. Gray, Mrs. W. H. Barnett, Mrs. S. M. Hunter, Mrs. O. J. Adcock.

Juniors—Miss Mildred Burnett, sponsor; Mrs. Elmer Lowe, Mrs. Booth Warren, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. Nathan Wood.

Sophomores—J. Lee Coffman, sponsor; Mrs. Eteyl Church, Mrs. W. J. Largent, Mrs. Clyde Sears.

Freshmen—Miss Julia Martin, sponsor; Mrs. Earl C. Moorehead, Mrs. John Shannon, Mrs. Roy Miller.

Seventh grade—Mrs. Len Sublett, teacher; Mrs. O. C. Shouse, Mrs. W. (Continued on Page Two.)

TRENT NEWS.

Bert McRee left this week for the State University at Austin to enter school.

Lee Massey is attending Abilene Christian college this year.

Miss Eula Johnson left several days ago to enter C. I. A., Denton.

Dean Robinson leaves soon for Tuscola where he will teach the fall and spring terms.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Black, Mr. Buford, Messrs. Adcock and families, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp and others from Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Eason of Noodle attended the singing at Trent last Sunday.

Winslow Beckham left a short time ago for Simmons college, Abilene.

Buford Mangum is to teach at Aspermont.

Miss Edith Brown was exhibiting pictures from James Brown and Emmitt Grimes in San Benito, in typical Mexican border scenes. The boys are anxious for something to happen.

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GOLAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Jeffrey visited with a sister in Spur Saturday and Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Doris Winter of Merkel were visitors in the W. C. Hill home Sunday.
Those attending the Methodist conference at Newman Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Byrom, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Lawlis, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Kemp.
School started here Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Bramlett are our teachers. Our high school students are enrolled at Goodman this year; they also started to school there Monday. Those attending are: Theron Williams, J. C. Davis, Lula Mae and Mary Joe Hale, Ina Mae Kemp, Marion Stevens, Rose Laverne McCain, Corinne Farmer and Granville Byrom.
J. T. Williams of Newman was a visitor in Golan Sunday morning.
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bradshaw visited Mr. and Mrs. King Floyd of Newman Sunday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Lawlis visited relatives in Spur Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Kinsey of Longworth visited with Mrs. Kinsey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Davis, here Sunday.

Parent-Teachers

(Continued From Page One.)
W. Wood, Mrs. Tyre Sublett, Mrs. W. S. Slayden.
Seventh grade—G. W. Wilhite, teacher; Mrs. Dee Grimes, Mrs. F. C. McFarland, Mrs. Chester Hutcheson.
Sixth grade—Mrs. Elmo Collins, teacher; Mrs. Irl Walker, Mrs. S. O. Owens, Mrs. Bob McDonald, Mrs. Leonard.
Sixth grade—Carroll Benson, teacher; Mrs. Fulton, Mrs. Groene.
Fifth grade—Miss Frances Marie Church, teacher; Mrs. Joe Self, Mrs. A. A. McGehee, Mrs. L. S. Tipton, Mrs. Powers.
Fifth grade—Miss Maimie Ellis, teacher; Mrs. Dye, Mrs. Fox.
Fourth grade—Miss Emma Joyner, teacher; Mrs. W. W. Haynes, Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, Mrs. Claude Dye, Mrs. G. C. Gilbert.
Fourth grade—Miss Helen Reddell, teacher; Mrs. Clyde Sears, Mrs. Ted McGehee, Mrs. Ralph Walker, Mrs. Rex Myers.
Third grade—Mrs. Mary Bird, teacher; Mrs. Leon Toombs, Mrs. Warren Smith.
Third grade—Miss Vennie Heiser, teacher; Mrs. C. P. Church, Mrs. O. L. Latimer, Mrs. Yates Brown, Mrs. Kemper.
Second grade—Miss Alzada Poguc, teacher; Mrs. Mathews, Mrs. Stanford, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Simpson.
Second grade—Miss Virginia Creighton, teacher; Mrs. W. E. Baze, Mrs. Rex Myers, Mrs. W. W. Haynes, Mrs. H. R. Hamn.
First grade—Miss Himalya Swafford, teacher; Mrs. Lem Dudley, Mrs. Charles Largent, Mrs. Norman Hodge.
First grade—Mrs. Elsie Nash, teacher; Mrs. Clesby Patterson, Mrs. W. B. Petty, Mrs. Geo. West, Jr., Mrs. B. Tipton.

There are several other chairmen not yet appointed; (1) Study Group, dealing with a study class for mothers of children who will be in the first grade next year; (2) Health; (3) Radio, and three representatives to the County P. T. A. council. Any volunteers particularly interested in any of these phases of the work are asked to communicate with the president, Mrs. Robinson.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.
As P. T. A. president, Mrs. Robinson was to meet Thursday afternoon with the hospitality committee. Other meeting dates already set are: membership, Monday, Oct. 11, 2:30 p. m., and program, Monday Oct. 11, 4 p. m., both committees to meet at Mrs. Robinson's home. She will see other committee chairmen following the meeting of the association Oct. 13 and give them more definite information on their work.

HALLOWE'EN CARNIVAL.
A Hallowe'en carnival is being planned as a community school affair to be held at the gym Saturday, Oct. 30, at 7:30 p. m.
Each grade will have a booth and they are selecting this week the kind of booth desired. The school board and P. T. A. are also sponsoring a booth, and others will be contacted for this purpose.

Urge Supporters to Stand When Alma Mater Song Played

When the band plays "Hurrah for the Purple and Gold," it's time for every loyal Merkel student and patron to stand up.
Selected as the alma mater song of the Merkel Public schools, whenever it is played, either at games or public meetings, every one should stand, urges Billy Wood, who is drum major of the Merkel Badger band.

300 Attend Field Day Sheep, Goat Raisers

Representatives from Nolan, Taylor, Shackelford, Callahan, Runnels and Jones counties made up the crowd of better than 300 persons who attended Taylor county's first sheep and goat field day, held at Butman community Friday, Oct. 1.
Sam Butman, Jr., gave the welcome address, with Knox Parr, Taylor county agricultural agent, acting as master of ceremonies. Plans were made to make the event an annual affair.
Dr. I. B. Boughton, veterinarian of Sonora experiment station, was on the program in the morning and afternoon sessions. During the morning he discussed common diseases among sheep of West Texas and in the afternoon told of parasites.
W. T. Magee, Shackelford county agent, was director of one of the most interesting events of the day when he gave a demonstration of ram culling. Rams used were those from the Butman flock.
V. L. Cory, botanist of the Sonora experiment station, discussed eradication of cedar trees.
There were two vocational agricultural departments as visitors. R. R. Petty of Divide and C. H. Collinsworth of Merkel brought their students to the meeting.
A barbecue dinner was provided by members of the Butman community.

Will Award Prizes for Fire Prevention Posters

The cash prizes of \$5, \$3 and \$2, offered in the Fire Prevention Poster contest sponsored by the Merkel Firemen's association, were to be awarded after the first showing Thursday night of "Turn Off the Moon," being presented by Manager Hodge of the Queen theatre as a benefit for the Firemen's fund.
As one of the events of Fire Prevention Week, but a feature that will be continued throughout the school year, Waymon Adcock was elected fire chief and Vincent Barnett, assistant chief, of the High School, with duties of checking room captains and conforming with other safety measures.
Fire drills are a part of the school program, Supt. Connor Robinson said.
To Return II Duce's Visit.
Berlin, Oct. 7.—Fuehrer Adolf Hitler has accepted Premier Benito Mussolini's invitation to make a state visit to Italy, similar to II Duce's German tour.
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Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

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Quarterly Meeting of Lions Group 5 to be Held Here Oct. 19th

Quarterly meeting of group 5, district 2-E, Lions clubs, will be held in Merkel the night of Tuesday, Oct. 19, at the High school gymnasium. The local club, who will be hosts, will omit their regular noon luncheon that day.
The program will be in charge of the program committee of the local club, consisting of Yates Brown, Wrenn Durham and C. H. Jones, in collaboration with George Thompson of Sweetwater, group chairman.

Other committees functioning are: arrangements, Nathan Wood, R. T. Gray and Stanley King; finance, Dee Grimes, S. M. Hunter and W. O. Boney.
After the singsong led by Yates Brown, with Miss Emma Joyner as pianist, invocation was given at Tuesday's club luncheon by Roy Reid, past president of the Merkel Lions, now of Santa Anna, who was the only luncheon guest.

Reports were asked by President Joe Self from committee chairmen, the following being reached in order before adjournment time arrived: membership, Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig; attendance, R. T. Gray; finance, Dee Grimes, who reported that funds were being raised for Badger band uniforms, with the end almost in sight; publicity, C. J. Glover; constitution, Rev. John H. Crow; program, Yates Brown.

"Sage of Potato Hill" Dies.
Atchison, Kans., Oct. 7.—Edgar Watson (Ed) Howe, "the sage of Potato Hill," 84-year-old author, editor, philosopher, died Saturday in his sleep, of the infirmities of age complicated by paralysis.
Quit Klan Long Ago.
Washington, Oct. 7.—In a radio address Friday night Justice Hugo L. Black said he once joined but later resigned from the Ku Klux Klan, and asked the nation to judge his fitness for supreme court service by his ten-year senate record.

London Newspaper Merger.
London, Oct. 7.—Amalgamation of the Morning Post, London's oldest existing newspaper, and the Daily Telegraph was announced Wednesday.

Cotton Loans Plan Revised.
Amarillo, Oct. 7.—Representative Marvin Jones of Amarillo, chairman of the house committee on agriculture, has announced that provisions for government loans on cotton had been changed to include all cotton tenderable as to grade and staple. Loans on the lower grades will be slightly below the 9 cents a pound allowed for the higher grades.

We fill all doctor's prescriptions. Vick Drug company.
We take orders for egg stamps. The Merkel Mail.

Farmers Learn Value Of Planting State Certified Seed

Austin, Oct. 7.—Farmers in our cotton producing states, as well as those in foreign countries, are fast learning the value of planting Texas' State Certified or Registered Seed stock, according to a bulletin just released by Commissioner J. E. McDonald, state department of agriculture.
Taylor County farmers planted 1,672 bushels of State Registered or State Certified Cotton Seed this year in their efforts to overcome the serious problem of inferior quality.

Mexico, Argentina, Greece, Italy, Ethiopia, Algeria and Ecuador are the foreign countries receiving the bulk of cotton seed exports. Farmers in these countries recognized the superior quality of Texas' State Certified and Registered Seed by purchasing 74,373 bushels of seed for their 1937 planting.
"After the cotton crop is gathered this fall," said Mr. McDonald, "if the farmer who planted seed of unknown quality will compare his yield and net profit per acre with that of his neighbor who planted pedigreed seed, he will readily see the advantage of planting proven seed for every crop."
Corn, oats, wheat, alfalfa, sorghum, Irish potatoes and broom corn are other major crop seeds produced by State Certified Seed growers and Registered Plant breeders.

A complete list of all firms qualified under the provisions of the Field Seed Certification law and other information concerning the law may be secured by writing direct to Commissioner McDonald, state department of agriculture, Austin.

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and Sponsored by the Senior Class of '38—Rex Myers, sponsor

The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Hollis Perry. Society Editor—Jannell Black.
Assistant Editor—Frances Higgins. Sports Editor—James Russell.
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APPRECIATION.

The students of Merkel High school wish to express our thanks to Mr. Glover for giving us the opportunity to use a space in the Merkel Mail for our school paper.

We hope that we can make this paper interesting, not only to the students and teachers, but to outsiders as well. It is our duty to try to do this and we promise to do our very best.

SENIOR GIRLS CLUB.

The Senior girls met Monday, Sept. 27, to organize the Senior Girls club. Miss Barley was chosen for the sponsor. Other officers elected were: Mildred Humphrey, president; CeVene Daniel, vice-president; Johnnie Chadwick, secretary-treasurer, and Fredia Farmer, reporter.

The girls discussed names for the club in another meeting Friday, Oct. 1. The name decided upon was "The D. O. L. L. Club." Plans for the Senior Girls dresses were also discussed, but nothing definite was decided upon.

SPANISH CLUB.

The Spanish club organized last Friday. Officers were elected and also a class song, motto and colors. Dick West is president of the club; Mildred Humphrey, vice-president; Mary Jo Russell, secretary; Frances Higgins, reporter.

Two committees were chosen. Those on the entertainment committee are Dorma Lee Shelton, Hollis Perry and Billy Wood. Those on the refreshment committee are Jannell Black, Fannelle Gray and Vincent Barnett.

El Rancho Grande was selected as the class song. The colors selected are red and black. Adelante, siempre adelante, which means onward, ever onward is the motto.

DRAMATIC CLUB.

The first meeting of the M. H. S. Players club was held Tuesday, Sept. 21.

Several of the members, both old and new, were called on to give short talks. Then the president of the club, Billy Wood, told some of the things that the club would do this year.

Hollis Perry, as secretary, was the only officer elected at this time. There are forty-six members in the club and every one is looking forward to the socials and meetings. It is our goal to make this club the best in the school.

CHORAL CLUB.

The Choral club was the first to meet this year. The first meeting was on Friday, Sept. 17. The old members welcomed the new members to the club by giving short talks about the work of the club. A piano solo was given by Loudale Gray, and Pauline and Helen Joyner gave a duet. Both of these numbers were very enjoyable. Pauline and Helen have moved to Spur. Helen had been a former member of the Choral club and Pauline has been a member for the past three years and would have been a member this year. We surely will miss Pauline, not only in the Choral club, but in all other school activities.

There have been several meetings since the first one, at which we have been learning some new songs and have also elected officers. They are Jannell Black, president; Pearl Mathews, vice-president; Fannelle Gray, secretary; Gay West, librarian; Frances Higgins, reporter.

BAND NEWS.

One of the new features of Merkel High school is its band. We have new purple and gold uniforms, which are very pretty.

The band has been helping the Pep Squad at the football games and from what one can hear they are doing all right.

PEP SQUAD NEWS.

Sound is usually stronger than odor, but on Tuesday night, Sept. 21, at 7:15 o'clock, odor prevailed. The new members of the Pep Squad were being partly initiated by wearing onion; around their necks in a tin can. They were smelled long before they were seen.

The initiation was really a test. If you don't believe me, simply ask some one who was initiated how they like syrup, sand, okra juice and marshmallows.

The initiation was climaxed by a weiner roast south of the gym. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Myers, old and new Pep Squad members and the sponsors, Miss Burnett and Miss Barley.

This year our Badgerettes are really back of the Badgers through ties, defeats or victories. We, like the Badgers, will never give up.

SENIOR NEWS.

Boy, an organized class—bigger and better than before—more pep—more ginger—more of everything that's swell. That, my dear friend, is a description of the Senior class of 1937-38. We are really going to go places. We met on Friday, Sept. 24, 1937, and elected our officers. The officers are Waymon Adcock, president; Charles A. Shouse, vice-president; Marvin Hunter, secretary; Frances Higgins, reporter.

All our members are ready and willing to co-operate to have fun and to work hard, to have fun on our Senior Excursion and to work hard on our Badger Annual.

You will be hearing more from us soon.

JUNIOR NEWS.

The Junior class met for the purpose of organizing last Friday. The officers elected are Jack Lowe, president; Preacher Windham, vice-president; Don Warren, secretary; Pearl Mathews, reporter.

As town mothers we have selected Mrs. Booth Warren, Mrs. Elmer Lowe, Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mrs. Nathan Wood.

Here are some choice bits of gossip on some of our Juniors: We wonder why Jack Lowe went over with such an overwhelming majority—is it because he is so handsome or just a new sensation? Heavy Jinkens is a good football player but he just doesn't know his Spanish. Heavy, fue is pronounced fue and phooey is pronounced phooey. Get the idea! Mabel, why did you and Comora stare so at Dorma Lee's competition? Mind your manners. Fern, you had better watch Norman. Every time he moves in the study hall, Mattie Lou moves too.

MR. COFFMAN SAYS—

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SOPHOMORE NEWS.

On Friday morning, Sept. 24, the Sophomore class met and elected their officers for the coming year. Mr. Coffman acted as temporary chairman. The class elected Billy Largent for president, who then took charge and completed the organization.

The other officers elected were Mildred McLean, vice-president; Evelyn Latimer, secretary-treasurer; Gay West, reporter.

For our class mothers we elected Mrs. R. T. Gray, Mrs. F. E. Church and Mrs. A. A. McGehee.

SENIOR PERSONALITIES.

Jannell Black.
Jannell has attended the Merkel schools since her school days began. At present she is a very important member of our band. She also belongs to the Choral, Spanish and Dramatic clubs. Her ambition is to be a dietitian. Here's wishing you much success.

J. M. Bickley.

J. M. moved here to attend Merkel High school from Purdon. He is a member of the Boys Glee club. He is also fast becoming one of Mrs. Haynes' favorite speech students. J. M. is a hard worker and we are looking forward to seeing and hearing a great deal from him in the future.

We fill all doctor's prescriptions. Vick Drug company.

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BLAIR ITEMS

There is not much to say about the weather during the past week except that it has been fair and open, and lots of cotton has been pulled. Last Sunday was hot like the middle of summer and the dry weather has caused it to open rapidly. Cotton farmers would not care if it did not rain for a week or so yet.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Huckaby of Iredell visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gosdin, last week-end. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton and children of Big Spring visited relatives here last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore and daughter, Lucy, and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Moore and little daughter, Jacqueline, spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Monta J. Moore of Lubbock. Mrs. O. L. Farmer and family of Butman, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hurman Doan and children, motored over to San Angelo Monday on a pleasure trip and attended the G. Barnes circus.

Mrs. Lula McEver and children of Stanton are visiting with her parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton, for an indefinite time. Miss Mae Melton of Sweetwater was also a guest in this home recently.

L. McLean has returned home after an extended visit to North Carolina the past week. Miss Mabel Maddox of Merkel and Miss Elwina Doan and brother, Billie D., and little Anna Clara Doan visited Mrs. Hugh Campbell Sunday evening.

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- CELERY, large stalk, each 15c
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- BANANAS, large yellow fruit, 2 dozen 25c
- GRAPEFRUIT, extra nice, each 5c
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- SPUDS, strictly No. 1's, 10 pounds 19c
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- COFFEE, Folger's or Maxwell House, 1 lb. 29c
2 lbs. 55c—3 lbs. Maxwell House 80c
- FLOUR, Light Crust, 48 lbs. \$1.90—24 lbs. \$1
- SHORTENING, 8 pounds 85c—4 pounds 45c
- POST TOASTIES, package 10c
- CRACKERS, A-1 Soda, 2 lb. box 19c
- SPINACH, TURNIP GREEN OR MUSTARD GREENS, No. 2 can, 3 for 25c
- TOMATOES, No. 2 cans, 3 for 25c
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Harold Bell Wright Story Colorful Film Of Old California

Thrilling action against the colorful background of Old California highlights Harold Bell Wright's fast-moving screenplay, "The Californian," which comes to the Queen theatre Friday and Saturday, with Ricardo Cortez in the starring role.

The dramatic, thrill-paced story of a famed and feared hero of Old California's scarlet days, the Twentieth Century-Fox release presents Cortez as a phantom bandit, who leaves behind a taunting laugh as token of his daring raids. His career parallels the exploits of the famous bandit, Tiburcio Vasquez, who became an outlaw in an effort to right the wrongs done his Mexican country-

men by renegade Americans attracted by the great gold rush of 1849.

A gallant lover, and a gay caballero of the fiestas, Cortez shines also as a Robin Hood of the Old West, with a spitting six-gun for his longbow, making law where there is none, to save his friends and neighbors who have been terrorized by usurping adventurers.

Joining forces with an outlaw band, Cortez and his followers establish a mountain camp as a base for a series of exciting raids on the dishonest invaders. An outlaw's wife, Katherine DeMille, jealous of the love between Cortez and his childhood sweetheart, Marjorie Weaver, attempts to sell them out to the crooked politicians at about the same time that a detachment of U. S. cavalry appears on the scene to take up the pursuit of Cortez. The climax of the story comes in a

roar of guns and a series of exciting events.

"Easy Living" Brilliant, Well-Played Comedy

A comedy which ranks among the smartest pictures of this or any other season brings Jean Arthur, Edward Arnold and Ray Milland to the screen of the Queen theatre for the "Owl" show Saturday, also Monday and Tuesday, in the highly entertaining "Easy Living," a new story by Preston Sturges.

Strongly reminiscent of "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town" and "It Happened One Night" in its gayety and light-hearted humor, "Easy Living" is another of those smart, slightly bantering "sophisticated" comedies which are now enjoying such great popularity. Its story is refreshingly new, its set-

tings are lavish and it moves at a nice pace, for all of which high praise is due the cast, the author, and the director, Mitchell Leisen.

The story concerns a stenographer, played by Miss Arthur, who suddenly and unexpectedly gets a sable coat valued at \$50,000 and then has to live up to it. Like the man in Mark Twain's story who found he didn't have to have any money as long as he had a check for a million pounds, Miss Arthur finds the town wide open to her.

Hotels, fashionable shops and dealers in expensive cars shower her with gifts. She becomes the talk of the town. All doors are open to her. There is only one drawback—she hasn't the money with which to buy herself a square meal. She goes to the automat and tries to "snag" a meal and meets Milland, a millionaire play-

boy trying to make a go of it on his own as a bus boy. He is the son of Arnold, the man who unwittingly bestowed the coat on Miss Arthur, and with whom her name becomes linked as an aftermath. It is love at first sight.

The rest of the story is a fast-moving, racy and breezy account of how Miss Arthur's coat caused a Wall Street crisis, almost caused a shake-up in the police department, brought together a man and wife who quarreled for the first time and were seeking a divorce, saved a hotel from bankruptcy, and won Miss Arthur a husband. It's all grand fun and should not be missed.

The lovely Miss Arthur wears an array of clothing in "Easy Living" which is a joy to behold. The wardrobe is said to have cost a cool hundred thousand and Miss Arthur looks like ten times that in it. Especially note-

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LOST—Near Noodle, canvas note and bill case, containing notes and accounts; valuable to owner only. Reward. J. D. Porter.

Box Supper at Nubia.

There will be a box supper at the Nubia Methodist church Friday night, Oct. 15, the proceeds from which will be used to pay obligations of the church. Every one is urged to co-operate. Rev. Lloyd Mayhew is pastor of the church.

BERRY-SHAW.

Rev. R. A. Walker officiated at the Presbyterian manse late Saturday afternoon for the marriage of Miss Anne Shaw and Mr. Barney Berry, both of the Stith community.

Best wishes of many friends are being extended the couple.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Supt. and Mrs. R. L. Fortune and daughter were week-end visitors with relatives in Brownwood.

Jack Bowers, employed in Fort Worth, was the guest of home folks the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Pilkington of Lipan, Palo Pinto county, are now occupying the Sherman apartments; also with them are Mrs. Pilkington's mother, Mrs. Myrtle Miller, and sister, Miss Euna Faye Miller.

Mrs. Ewell Rutherford and daughter, Johnnie, of Odessa, are spending a few days with Mrs. Elery Smith and family.

Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., has returned from San Antonio where she spent two weeks visiting relatives.

Mrs. W. L. Dowdy of Abilene visited her son, Lawrence Dowdy, and Mrs. Dowdy the past week-end, also attending to business here.

Harold Denton of Trinidad, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Evans and daughter, Mary Ruth, and Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Roy of Sweetwater were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn. Mr. Denton is Mrs. Winn's nephew.

Carl Carey, accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey, attended the bedside the past week of a grandchild, Elvin Leon Carey, who is ill at his home in Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Keltz and Mrs. Alma Hardison of Vernon were guests Sunday in the J. R. Gafford home.

Rayford Cockrell of Breckenridge spent the week-end here with his cousins, Leonard and Selma Dean Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Murdock of Dallas were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Murdock.

A. W. Wood, H. H. Jones, Joe Boone, Malcolm Beasley and Leonard Quattlebaum were visitors to Fort Worth attending the Dixie series.

Carl Crockett of Waco spent a few days with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop.

STUDY GROUP PRESENTS PROGRAM IN TERRY HOME.

Mrs. Allen Terry was hostess for the Study group sponsored by the women of the Methodist church on Thursday afternoon, the regular date set at a previous meeting.

Mrs. Alsie Carleton aided in the explanation of the first chapter of the

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book taken as a study for this group, "What of the Moslem World?" Mrs. R. L. Fortune gave a brief resume of the life of the author, Dr. Charles R. Watson, also brought more clearly to the group the purpose of the preface. Mrs. John Payne presented a leaflet, "Early Egyptian Bread," from Food Facts, compliments of the Wheat Flour Institute. Mrs. Alton Boone and Mrs. R. B. Johnson read important historical events.

A committee was appointed by the chairman to formulate plans to organize a woman's missionary auxiliary, the nominating committee to present candidates at Thursday's meeting, which will be held in the home of Mrs. Andy Shouse.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames R. B. McRee, Sr., Louie McRee, Andy Shouse, R. O. Bailey, Tom Williamson, W. E. Shouse, Bob Dennis, Fortune, Payne, Boone, Carleton, Johnson, Miss Imagine Mangum and the hostess, also Sue McRee.

BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McRee served a delightful luncheon Tuesday in honor of Robertus, their 3-year-old son, it being his birthday. The luncheon was served buffet style, after which the group attended the West Texas Fair in Abilene.

Celebrating with them were Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McRee, Jr., Mrs. Louie McRee and daughter, Sue, and Mrs. Bob Dennis.

Record for Pulling Bolls.

John Shaw, Jr., age 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Shaw, Jr., of Stith, pulled 617 pounds in one day, and his brother, Wade Shaw, age 10, pulled 300 pounds as his record day.

RURAL SOCIETY

TRIPLE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown entertained with a birthday party in their home, honoring their little son, Kenneth, with Glendell Williams and Doyle Maxwell, on Thursday evening. Games were enjoyed by the party and the candles on the three birthday cakes looked beautiful burning in a dark room. Afterward the honorees blew out the candles.

After music furnished by local talent, refreshments of birthday cake and hot chocolate were served to Misses Theda Belle Williams, Ruth and Waldine Maxwell, Virgil, Arvis and C. W. Henderson, Ray and Carl Maxwell, Doyle, Clyde, and Allen Maxwell, James, Billy, Jessie and Glendell Williams, Kenneth Brown, with the honorees' mothers acting as hostess and co-hostesses with their husbands: Mr. and Mrs. Gus Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown.

IN-HONOR BARBECUE.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King entertained recently with a barbecue at their ranch home honoring the former's mother, Mrs. H. D. King, and

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Mrs. H. Catlaw, both from Bloomfield, N. J.

Others included were Mrs. P. R. Demere, Sr., Mrs. O. W. Reed, Olive Mae and Jack Reed, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Demere, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere, Mr. and Mrs. Harden Reed of Post, Mr. and Mrs. Frase Demere, Mrs. Leon Toombs, Leon Toombs, Jr., Mrs. John R. Coomer, W. C. Demere, Allen D. King, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Mainard.

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Lettuce, head 5c

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Spuds, U. S. No. 1, 10 lbs. 19c

Supreme
Salad Wafers, 1 lb. box .. 17c

Red and White
Coffee, pound 29c

Fancy
Green Beans, No. 2 can .. 15c

Field
Corn, No. 2 can, 3 for 25c

Fresh
Blackeyed Peas, per can 10c

Crystal
Spinach, No. 2 can, 3 for 25c

Red and White
Pears, No. 2 can, each 15c

Red and White
Pumpkin, No. 2 can 12c

Red and White
Tomato Juice, 3 cans 23c

Standard
Tomatoes, No. 2, 3 for 25c

Red and White
Corn Flakes, pkg. 10c

Red and White
Pancake Flour, pkg. 10c

Fresh
Prunes, gallon can 39c

Whole Wheat
Flour, 3 pounds 19c

Supreme
Peanut Butter, 1 lb. jar 18c

Del Dixi
Pickles, sour or dill, qt. .. 17c

Pure Cane
Sugar, cloth bag, 10 lbs. 57c

Hershey's
Cocoa, 1-2 lb. can 13c

Red and White
Flav-R-Jell, all flavors .. 5c

Early Riser
Coffee, pound 19c

Vim Pep
Dog Food, 3 cans 23c

Pongee
Toilet Tissue, 4 rolls 17c

Sliced Bacon, lb. 34c

Salt Pork, pound 22c

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Interested Camera Fans Already Lining Up Contest Pictures

"See the pretty birdie," time-worn slogan of photographers, is no help at all in catching the glowing personality of a radiant gas heater, declare prospective entrants in Lone Star Gas System's ten-week contest for amateur photographers.

Interested camera fans are already lining up pictures of gas heating equipment with which they hope to capture the ten \$10 prizes which will be awarded each week by the gas company in its contest which will open Oct. 11 and close Dec. 18. They are taking their cue on the type of pictures wanted from the company's newspaper advertisements, one of which appears in this issue, and from a folder on the contest furnished by gas companies participating in the contest. These include Community Natural Gas Co., Lone Star Gas Co., the Dallas Gas Co., County Gas Co., and the Texas Cities Gas Co. In addition to the weekly prizes of \$10 for the ten best pictures, at the close of the contest the gas system will award grand prizes of \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$25 for the four best pictures submitted during the entire ten-week period.

"I've had several people ask me whether a picture of a living room would be better than a bedroom showing gas heating equipment," said the district manager of the gas company in talking about the contest. "That is something each contestant will have to decide for himself, because as far as the company is concerned a picture of any room in the house is acceptable if it shows gas heating equipment."

"What we hope to obtain through the contest are some good, clear pictures showing various types of gas heating equipment used in homes of this section. Customers who come to our display floors to buy heating equipment find it difficult to visualize just how the appliance they are considering will fit into their home. With the wide selection of photographs we hope to receive during the contest, we can show them that in addition to furnishing a comfortable, healthy heat throughout the house, modern gas heating equipment is available in styles varied enough to fit into any decorative plan."

LOCAL BRIEFS

In Tuesday afternoon's parade at Abilene, one of the spectacular events of the West Texas Fair, the Merkel Badger band was given first place for Class C band playing. Ballinger won first for band and Pep Squad marching.

Holt Vaughn, who went to the Hendrick Memorial hospital two weeks ago for an appendectomy, was able to be brought home Friday of last week and is doing nicely.

Clifton Bellamy has been given signal honor at Texas Tech in his election as captain and battalion adjutant on the R. O. T. C. staff, which is the second ranking officer. There are 175 cadets in the school.

Announcement was made Wednesday by Irl Walker and Paul Orsborn that they had leased the Gulf Service Station, formerly operated by George West, and had already assumed charge. They will continue to carry a full line of Gulf products.

DORA DOINGS

Cotton picking is the main enterprise now on the Divide; the yield is very satisfactory but prices low.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Slater and daughter, Mrs. Monroe Ussery, returned Saturday from Dallas after spending several days there on business.

Mrs. Drew Clark of Clovis, N. M., is here this week visiting her mother, Mrs. J. T. Perry, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Whitaker of Lawn were visiting their son, Alton, and family here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott and Mrs. Doris Elliott were shopping in Sweetwater Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Elliott were calling in Lamesa Sunday.

Miss Lillie Richardson was visiting and doing some shopping in Sweetwater Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Oliver have returned home after a few days visit with their daughter, Mrs. Swanzy, in San Marcos.

Chester Hammond and Charles Boyd are in Sweetwater hospital, following appendix operations last Tuesday. Both are reported doing nicely.

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.

Merkel Hospital Notes

Jimmie Louis Floyd, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Floyd, who was brought to the hospital Sept. 17 with a head injury sustained when he was struck by a passing car as he crossed the highway west of town, is seriously ill with meningitis. He suffered a linear fracture of the skull and for the first two or three days after entering the hospital his condition was satisfactory. Later his temperature was elevated and he is now ill with meningitis.

Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, who entered the hospital for major surgery Sept. 28, was dismissed Thursday of this week.

Mrs. M. D. Bryant of Nubia entered Wednesday for treatment.

Three patients had tonsillectomies: C. A. Hanley of Trent, Joy Sue Hobbs, daughter of H. H. Hobbs, and Maxine Kerns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kerns.

Tye HD Club Places First, Salt Branch Second, Merkel Third

The Tye club, of which Mrs. Alfred Thomas is president, was awarded first place in the HD booth division at the West Texas Free Fair, with Salt Branch second and Merkel third. Mrs. Johnny Cox is president of the Salt Branch club, and Mrs. C. P. Church is president of the Merkel club.

Twenty-four kinds of jelly, rows of shining red, yellow and green jars, are displayed in the Tye booth. Candlewick bedspreads and quilts are also on display.

In the Salt Branch booth, both home demonstration and 4-H clubs are represented. A "Feeding the Family" exhibit is shown.

Linen work, all done in the past few months, is on exhibit in the Merkel Home Demonstration booth, along with bedspreads, canned fruit and other products.

Midway Home Demonstration club has a general exhibit, with canned goods and needlework shown. Mrs. Rogers Williams is president.

Twenty varieties of canned food, cut work on linen and hand-made rugs are on display in the Bluebonnet booth. Mrs. Wade Ensminger heads this club.

Union Ridge HD members are showing canned fruits and vegetables, along with other examples of their work. Mrs. O. E. Harwell is the Union Ridge president.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to express our heartfelt thanks for the many evidences of love and friendship shown in the recent illness and death of our loved one and for the beautiful flowers; especially do we wish to thank the nurses and doctors for their untiring efforts, friends and outsiders who sat up and helped in innumerable ways and also those who contributed to the fund which was raised.

May God's blessings rest upon you all.

Mrs. Leonard Jinkens and Daughters.
T. C. Jinkens and Family.

Singing at Noodle.
Community singing will be resumed Sunday night and continue every Sunday night until further notice at Noodle. O. L. Justice is chairman of the program. Every one is invited to come.

Salt Branch School to Open.
Mrs. Buster Horton, principal, announces that the Salt Branch school will begin next Monday, Oct. 11. Mrs. Zona Hooper is the primary teacher.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Special Service at First Baptist Church

Rev. George A. Dale, pastor of the First Baptist church, Tahoka, has been invited to preach at the First Baptist church, Merkel, on Wednesday night, Oct. 13, at 7:30 o'clock. All church members, as well as the general public are invited and urged to be present.

Pulpit Committee.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Dr. Atwood of Hardin-Simmons university will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. B. T. S. at 7 p. m. WMU at 2:30 Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 7:45 o'clock Wednesday evening.

All are cordially invited to these services.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The ladies of the Baptist church will meet at the church in an all-day meeting the fourth Monday in October for the purpose of packing a box for Buckner Orphans home and doing some quilting for our Rescue home in New Orleans.

The ladies of the missionary society took as one of their special objects the clothing of a twelve-year-old boy. All of the ladies are requested to be present and help in this good cause.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Total attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday was 579, as compared with 542 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 595 were present.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. As this is the pastor's day at Baird, there will be no preaching service either morning or night. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Every one is cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Young people's meeting 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM.

For Sunday, Oct. 10, 6:45 p. m.:
Leader, Gertie Lou Pee.
Song.
Scripture.
Song.
"Summer in the Neighborhood."
Mrs. Vernon Hudson.
"Peace Education in the Home."
Harold Miller.
Special number.
Prayer.
Business.
Benediction.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible Study Sunday 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Raymond Kelsey of A. C. C. Young people's program 6:30 p. m.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock a service of song, prayer and Bible study.

The Elders.

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching at 8 o'clock Saturday night. Bible study 10 a. m. Sunday. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

J. L. Burleson, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Every one is cordially invited to these services.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Coats and children, Roy Junior and Elizabeth, with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunter and son, James Roy, motored to San Angelo last Sunday to visit Messrs. Bill and Bud Ferguson.

Passing visitors with friends here last Friday were Rev. I. L. Parrack, former Baptist pastor here and now pastor at Chillicothe, and two daughters, Miss Ima Parrack of Chillicothe and Mrs. Harry Anderson and son, Billie, of Granite, Okla. They were returning home from a visit with a son, Alvin, and family, in Carlsbad, N. M.

Miss Elma Mae Gamble, student in John Tarleton college, was home for a week-end visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King and son, accompanied by Mrs. H. D. King and Mrs. H. Catlaw, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. R. King at their ranch near Fort Stockton. Mrs. H. D. King remained for a longer visit. Then she will return to the Allen King home for an extended visit. Mrs. Catlaw has now returned to New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. E. Clyde Smith and Mrs. Hattie L. Cooper drove to Stephenville Sunday to visit their daughters, Misses Mary Helen Mashburn and

Phyllis Smith, who are students at John Tarleton college.

Mrs. S. T. Johnson of Jal, N. M., is visiting Mrs. E. Clyde Smith.

Miss Imogene Hayes returned Sunday to Odessa, where she has a position in the public schools, after a week-end visit home.

En route to the Breckenridge-Sweetwater game at Sweetwater last Friday night, Mrs. Esker Curtis and Mrs. Lon Keahey, both of Breckenridge, were Merkel visitors Friday, Mrs. Curtis being the guest of her mother, Mrs. Sallie Angus, while Mrs. Keahey (formerly Miss Helen Patterson) visited with Mrs. W. T. Sadler, and other friends.

Mrs. Wrenn Durham and Mrs. Connor Robinson were visitors for the Altat Vista P. T. A. meeting in Abilene Monday afternoon.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to express our sincere appreciation of the love and sympathy and the many kindnesses shown us in the recent loss of our loved one, also for the many beautiful floral offerings.

May God bless each and every one of you.

J. S. Bourn and Jimmy.
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp and Children.

Large firm heads	Home grown
Lettuce, each 5c	Okra, lb. 15c
Fancy pinks	Jumbo stalk
Tomatoes, 2 lbs. 15c	Celery, each 17c
nic and tender	Oranges med. doz 25
Green Beans, lb 10	Grapefruit, 3 for 25c
Carrots, bunch 5c	Elberta Peaches, doz. 30c
Red Potatoes, lb. 4c	Large yellow fruit
Colo. firm heads	Bananas doz. 15c
Cabbage, lb. 3c	Roman Beauty med. size
Beets, bunch 5c	Apples, 2 doz. 29c
Strictly No. 1's Colo.	Extra fancy Delicious
Potatoes, 10 lbs 23	Apples, doz. 30c
Bell Peppers, lb. 10c	

Salad Dressing, plain or spread, qt. 25c
Salmons, tall cans, 2 for 25c
Post Toasties, reg. size package 10c

Peanut Butter, 24 oz. jar 25c	Shortening
Crackers, A-1 Soda, 2 lb. box 19c	8 lbs. 89c
Brooms, a dandy each 25c	Sugar
Mops, cord or thread, each 23c	Pure Cane
25c Size K. C.	10 lbs. cloth 59c
Baking Powder 18c	Flour
Gold Medal	Peerless
Flour, 48 lbs. \$1.90	48 lbs. \$1.45
Guaranteed	Salt
Tomatoes, tall can, 3 for 25c	5c size
Pure Ribbon Cane	3 for 10c
Syrup, gallon 59c	
Pickles, large jar 15c	
Corn Flakes, pkg. 10c	

Coffee, Maxwell House, 3 lb. can 81c
Catsup, 14 ounce bottle, 2 for 25c

Choice Chuck	Rib or Brisket Roast lb 12 1/2
Steak, lb. 19c	Choice
Choice Chuck	T-Bone Steak, lb. 23c
Roast, lb. 17c	Shoulder
Mixed	Round Steak, lb. 25c
Sausage, lb. 19c	Swifts
Home Made	Weiners, lb. 20c
Chili, lb. brick 25c	Sugar Cured Bacon, lb. 33c
Calf Liver, pound 15c	Salt Pork Jowls, lb. 20c
Extra fancy	Mexican Hots, lb. 17
Sliced Bacon, lb. 39c	Fancy Select
Elkhorn	Oysters, pint 43c
Cheese, lb. 23c	Beautiful Glass Free
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