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P-T. A.

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admission is 5 cents to all.

Door prizes, including a number of useful articles, such as a pound of coffee, two quarts of motor oil, a cake, two passes to the theatre, etc., donated by the merchants, will be given away from the stage.

Room mothers, teachers and other helpers were busy Thursday transforming the gymnasium into a Halloween setting and food and fun galore will be on hand for all Merkel and its surrounding communities to enjoy Halloween together.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Owen Robertson and the help of Mrs. Lem Dudley, room representatives chairman of the P-T. A., the following room mothers with the school faculty will be on hand at the various booths:

Primer — Mesdames Elsie Nash, Merritt Clements, Ray Mundy, A. R. Booth, Billy Cobb, Ellen Duncan, Leon Scott, Bob Sumpter, Dewey Sandusky, Owen Robertson.

First — Misses Imogene Schulze and Ruth West, Mesdames Forest Block, Chester Bryant, J. H. Clark, E. H. Hendricks, Sam Swann, Joe Weston, L. S. Tipton, W. T. Sadler.

Second — Miss Alzada Pogue, Mesdames O. R. Douglas, Hollis McCoy.

Third — Misses Winnie Heizer and Mildred Holt, Mesdames Joe Risinger, Clark Mundy, J. H. West, M. T. Shults, Roy Harrell, A. W. Bailey, Weldon Coats, Carl Baccus.

Fourth — Misses La Verne Dunbar and Hettie Logan Clay, Mesdames A. B. Baker, R. H. Buchanan, Emmett Ayers, John L. Jones, Geo. West, Jr., Joe B. Toombs, F. Y. Joyce, Hubert Turner.

Fifth — Miss Billie Gardner and Mr. Jack Patterson, Mesdames Stanley Stanford, Bob McDonald, Leon Toombs, Ralph Walker, Earl Baze, Homer Foster, Denzel Cox, T. J. Bird.

Sixth — Miss Mamie Ellis and Mr. William Taylor, Mesdames Leonard Jinkens, Joe Seymour, Beatrice Speck, R. F. McLean, W. R. Click, Frank Golladay, Chester Hutcheson, Nell Greene, R. B. Bland.

Seventh — Mrs. Elmo Collins and Mr. Gordon Green, Mesdames Walter Teaff, A. A. McGehee, Holt Vaughn, Frank Simpson, Sam Allen, F. Y. Gaither, Grover Gilbert, L. S. Kingsbury.

Freshman — Mr. Charles Clark, Mesdames H. Curington, Will Webb.

Sophomore — Miss Willie Bell Virden, Mesdames Len Sublett, T. J. R. Swafford, B. R. Dingle, Clyde Bartlett, R. H. Mathews.

Junior — Mr. Carroll Benson, Mesdames Booth Warren, Clyde Sears, Dee Grimes, J. C. White.

Senior—Mesdames Comer Haynes, John Shannon, R. J. Miller, T. L. Grimes, J. S. Grant.

Badgers

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promised land. The kick for extra point again failed.

At this point most of the "regulars" left the game and the reserves started a drive on the Merkel 30 that netted 5 first downs, 70 yards and 6 points. Smith went over right tackle for 12 yards to score his second touchdown of the night. Melton cracked left guard for the extra point.

Individual honors went to several in this game. Captain Davis led a hard charging line that opened gaping holes in the Tiger defense and stopped cold every running trick the visitors could muster. The ends, Cox and Hickam, were especially outstanding in stopping the wide sweeps for which the Tigers are famous.

On the backfield Melton and Smith played brilliant ball, the latter scoring two touchdowns. On defense Smitty backed the line to perfection and was a big reason Snyder's running game failed to go.

Roby's Lions will be here Friday night, the game site having been shifted from Roby. Game time has been changed from 8 o'clock to 7:45.

The starting line-ups:
Merkel — Ends, Cox and Hickam;

**WOMEN RALLY TO NATION'S DEFENSE
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**Training Courses Fit Them
For Duties Vital in
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WITH the call to the colors of more than a million of the nation's young men, American women everywhere ask how they can volunteer their services to aid in the emergency. What part can women and girls play in national defense?

The American Red Cross, through its 3,700 Chapters and their branches, provides the answer. More than a half million women already have enrolled to give their time in Red Cross volunteer services, according to Mrs. Dwight F. Davis of Washington, D. C., Chairman of Red Cross Volunteer Special Services. Through sewing and knitting a million garments for Europe's war victims, and making millions of surgical dressings for war wounded and sick, they have gained efficiency and experience which can be readily diverted to the work for home defenses should the need arise, Mrs. Davis said.

In order to prepare most efficiently for any emergency which may come, the Red Cross is extending its training courses through its Chapters. Women motorists are trained for the Red Cross Motor Corps; girls who wish to volunteer for office work, train for the Staff Assistance Corps; other thousands join the Canteen Corps; women and girls who wish to learn to protect the health of their families, take

Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick Courses; those who wish to learn how to aid the victim of an accident, enroll in the First Aid classes.

The Gray Lady Corps is composed of volunteers who require more specialized training and this is available only in those chapters near military hospitals. The Gray Ladies are the visitors in military and civilian hospitals giving those aids and comforts to sustain the morale of the sick. Nurse's

Aides are trained to assist doctors and expert registered nurses in clinics and hospitals and this training is limited at present to regions where there are many hospitals.

The Red Cross "preparedness for humanity" program is supported by the memberships of the American public and every patriotic man and woman is urged to join his local Red Cross Chapter during the Roll Call, November 11 to 30.

**Week's Menu Listed
For School Cafeteria**

Menu for the week beginning Monday, Nov. 4, with the exception of Tuesday, when the hunch room will be closed on account of national election day, follows:

- Monday—Tamale pie, cabbage-apple slaw, muffins, milk, apple sauce cookies.
- Tuesday—Closed, (Election.)
- Wednesday—Irish stew, cabbage-carrot slaw, cornmeal muffins, milk, cup cakes-raisin sauce.
- Thursday — Scalloped potatoes, ham, spinach, eggs, cornmeal muffins, peaches, cookies.
- Friday—Beans, diced pork, buttered cabbage, cornmeal muffins, milk, strip carrots, apple strip pie.

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To the People of Merkel Territory:
I take this method of expressing my sincere appreciation for the splendid business I have had in this territory, also to all Policy-Holders of Ideal Security Life Insurance Co., for the co-operation that you have given me, which has been such a great help to me.

Sincerely,
H. L. Willis.

Holds Late Number.
Nahant, Mass., Oct. 31. — John Roosevelt, the president's youngest son, held draft No. 1874 which was drawn 7298th early Wednesday.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.
Those owing bills to the county for terracing and tanking are asked to see County Commissioner Jack Canon and settle up before Nov. 12.

The 549-foot San Jacinto monument near Houston has settled 2.8 inches since its construction three years ago, should sink another three inches in the next five years, University of Texas foundation engineering expert says.

Sixty-seven thousand tons of water go over Niagara Falls every minute. Although the Statue of Liberty was completed in 1883, it was not unveiled on Bedloe's Island until Oct. 28, 1886.

**Way to Assist Band
Get Free Instruments**

Announcement is made in the advertising columns this week of an offer being made by the Iowa Soap company, whereby free band instruments will be given the Merkel Badger band in exchange for box tops from Magic Washer Soap powder and from Nola Pure White Soap Flakes. Further information may be secured from Richard Young, band director.

Record of Births
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Horton, Thursday, October 24, 1940.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Greenfield, Tuesday, October 29, 1940.

Pillows for Rent.
The Girls Scouts will rent pillows at the game with Roby Friday night for 5 cents each.

The United States is the only major agricultural country in the world without an agricultural museum, so the Agricultural History society has set up a committee to study the need for a museum of this kind.

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Took Him Up.
Bethany, Mo., Oct. 31.—Clothier E. B. Thompson advertised "suit free if drafted." First man eligible—if he's called into service— was Jack Klindt, Thompson's own employee—and he just had ordered a new suit.

Pamphlet Denounced.
New York, Oct. 31.— Democratic and republican leaders both have denounced a circular attacking the Georgia Warm Springs foundation as a "private business operated for profit."

Postpone Action.
New York, Oct. 31.—Decision on the Pan-American games, proposed as a substitute for the cancelled Olympics, has been deferred until early next year, it was announced Wednesday by the American Olympic association.

NOTICE!
We will have a
CAR OF COAL
on the railroad track the first of the week.
J. M. GARRETT

Many persons plant bulbs too closely together. Large-growing ones should be about eight inches apart and the small bulbs about two or three inches apart, according to scientists at the Cornell University Experiment station.

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of
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Let your regular soap needs equip your band at no extra cost on your part. Use Magic Washer and Nola Flakes, give the tops to your grocer, help sell laundry or band director.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
SEE OR CALL—
RICHARD YOUNG,
Director,
Merkel High School Band
Merkel, Texas
T. H. CHUMNEY,
Representative, Iowa Soap Co., Abilene, Texas

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn spent the past week-end in Sonora visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor and Jo.

Mrs. C. C. McRee, who is ill at this writing, has as her guest her mother, Mrs. Matheny of Abilene. Ernest Stuart spent the past week-end with his uncle in San Angelo.

Smithy Ogletree, who is working in Brownwood now, spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

A. W. Woods left early Sunday morning for Houston to attend the annual Red and White convention there.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jones and children have gone to Amarillo, where Mr. Jones is now employed and where they will make their home.

One hundred and eight pupils of Trent school were given the typhoid serum on Thursday of last week, with Dr. W. T. Sadler and Dr. Urban Zehpfennig of Merkel in charge, assisted by the county nurse, Miss Alma Richardson, and Miss Vivian Davis.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Young People's class of the Missionary Baptist church were entertained with a Halloween party last Wednesday evening in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Porter.

The Halloween spirit was carried out in the house decorations and games with a Halloween touch to them were played.

After the games, refreshments of cake and hot cocoa, with Halloween striped candy, was served to the following: Betty Howell, Roy Coats, Jonnie Roberts, Jack Graham, Wanda Stribbling, Wilma Stribbling, Neely Tittle, Billy Tittle, Edith Harriss, Avis Neill, Mary Lou O'Rear, Leo Reynolds, Charlene Jones, Ladie Fred Crain, Alice Carey, Dorothy Hood, Vera Bright, Mrs. A. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Orvin Robinson and Jerry and Rev. and Mrs. Porter.

TRENT OVERWHELMS BRADSHAW

Trent's undefeated six-man football team beat Bradshaw at Bradshaw last Friday afternoon, 26-0, in their fourth conference game of the season.

Billy Jones made three of the touchdowns for Trent and Billy Joe Purser made the other. H. H. Jones added the two extra points.

First downs—Bradshaw 7, Trent 6.

The starting line-up for Trent was: John Armour and Billy Jones, ends; Othell O'Kelly, center; John Barnes, quarterback; H. H. Jones, half back; Billy Tittle, fullback.

As yet, Trent has not been scored on in their conference games. On Friday afternoon they meet Tuscola at 2:30 p. m. on their home field for their fifth conference game.

The winners of this Friday's game will, in all probability, be the county champions.

QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday - Saturday - Roy Rogers, Geo. (Gabby) Hayes in "The Ranger and the Lady"; also Popeye cartoon, 2-reel Edgar Kennedy comedy and "Adventures of Red Ryder," new thrilling chapter play.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night—"The Westerner," based on the life story of Judge Roy Bean. "The Law West of the Pecos," with Gary Cooper, Walter Brennan.

Tuesday only—"A Fugitive from Justice," with Roger Pryor, Lucille Fairbanks.

Wednesday - Thursday - Brought back by special request, "Trail of the Lonesome Pine," with Henry Fonda, Sylvia Sydney, Fred McMurray; added, selected short subjects.

Preview next week - "Knut Rockne."

Roistering Judge Bean Portrayed By the Scene Stealer, Walter Brennan

Action-filled scenes, suspenseful drama and romance with a punch sweep across the screen in Samuel Goldwyn's "The Westerner," which comes to the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night. "The Westerner" has Gary Cooper in the title role, and the supporting cast features such brilliant players as Walter Brennan, Doris Davenport, Fred Stone, Lillian Bond and Forrest Tucker.

Cooper plays the type of he-man, outdoor role which has made him one of the screen's top-notch actors, portraying quick-on-the-trigger Cole

NOODLE NEWS

Brother Melvin Byrd preached at the Noodle Baptist church Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Phillips of Goodman visited Sunday in the home of her sister, Mrs. Waldo Cox.

Mrs. Guy Westerman and children, Betty Jane, Billy, Audrey Fay and Myrtha, from Cross Plains, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Swope Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cantrell and children visited over the week-end in the home of her mother, Mrs. A. C. Sosebee.

Miss Yvonne Howard spent the day Sunday with Iris Eoff.

Miss Fannie Boaz had as her company Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell and daughters and Misses Mary Collins and Lucille Crick, of Merkel.

Miss Imagean Bird returned home this week-end. She is taking a beauty course in Abilene.

Norman Bicknell left Sunday for Fort Worth.

Noodle School News

The seniors and juniors of the Noodle high school met Tuesday of last week for the purpose of electing officers for the current school year. Officers are:

Seniors—president, Iris Eoff; vice-president, Charles Carter; secretary, Rose McCain; reporter, Mary O'Lea Dixon; sponsor, E. E. Read.

Juniors—president, Harlon Winter; vice-president, Harold Sosebee; secretary, R. G. Bond; reporter, Burton Foster; sponsor, A. D. Hill.

Our high school students are very busy selecting members for our "Annual," and finally decided on the following:

Editor-in-chief, Mary Jo Bicknell; assistant editor-in-chief, Charles Carter; class editor, Juanita Morgan; art editor, Dorothy Barbee; activity editor, Rose McCain; athletic editor, Wance Tarpley; business manager, Iris Eoff; secretary, Billie Jean Sosebee.

Noodle basketball girls made an early start, with three weeks' practice already completed. Nineteen girls are coming out, and the call for match games has been issued. Suits for the girls are purple and gold.

Harden, who drifts into the wild and woolly town of Vinegaroon in the roaring days of the '80's when there raged a bitter and long protracted battle between the cattlemen and the homesteaders. Cooper comes to grips with Walter Brennan, portraying Judge Roy Bean, who administered justice at the point of a gun and established himself as the sole "Law West of the Pecos."

One of the most impressive and realistic sets created for "The Westerner" is a saloon of the 1880 vintage. It is plainly a dive—a replica of that infamous liquor dispensary in which Judge Roy Bean of Texas held his court.

BLAIR ITEMS

The fourth quarterly conference convened at the Methodist church Friday, Oct. 25. Rev. W. E. Hamilton of Lubbock, executive secretary of the board of Christian education, was the principal speaker in the morning devotion. After Scripture reading from the 17th Psalm, his subject was "Building the Church," developing the theme of the responsibility of a Christian. Rev. J. B. Stewart was song leader, with Miss Lottie Butman at the piano. Rev. C. A. Bickley, of Abilene, district superintendent, presided over the business session, with Mrs. Clyde Lattimer as secretary. A covered dish lunch was served at the noon hour. Towns represented were Lubbock, Abilene, Merkel, Nubia, Butman, White Church and Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan and son, Sannie, and Marshall Provine left Saturday in response to a telegram of the serious illness of the latter's brother, Burton Provine, of Capitan, N. M.

Mrs. A. M. Jackson and two children left Saturday to visit relatives at Post.

Howard Windham made a business trip to Big Spring last week-end.

R. B. Horton, who has accepted employment at Brownwood, visited his family and other relatives over the week-end.

The ladies' Bible study met Tuesday, Oct. 22, in the afternoon and presented a sunshine bag to a sick lady. Five members were present. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 5, at M. E. church. All ladies are invited to attend these meetings.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Stewart of Abilene dined with Mr. and Mrs. Otis Moore Sunday.

Mrs. Eli Brooks of Merkel was guest Tuesday of Mrs. Price Melton.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton and family, accompanied by Mrs. Cynthia Hall, spent Saturday with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Land of Abilene.

Pike's Peak was named after Zebulon Pike, but it was known to white men as early as 1700, long before his birth.

NEWMAN NEWS

There will be a pie supper and box supper at the school house Friday night, Nov. 8. Everyone is invited to come.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Reeves and baby of Port Arthur, Mrs. Irl Walker and daughter, Irlene, and Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jones and daughter, Helen, of Merkel, spent Saturday night in the home of Mrs. Fannie Reeves.

Jimmie and Gaston Walker of Merkel spent Saturday night in the home of Thelbert and Arvalee Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson and Mrs. Leon Dickerson and baby visited in Merkel Friday.

Mrs. John Cross of Rotan, Mrs. John L. Jones and daughter of Merkel and Mrs. W. O. Reeves and baby of Port Arthur visited in the Reeves home Friday.

Mrs. Fannie Reeves and son, Buster, Alice Boen and sons, Douglas and Bobbie Gene, Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson and sons, Thelbert and Arvalee, and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dickerson and son spent Sunday in the home of Mrs. John Cross of Rotan.



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Care for Heating Needs Before Norther Strikes; Gas Company's Advice

Gas men are preparing to meet the extreme demands for fuel service that come with cold weather. For several months they have been repairing mains, laying lines, drilling wells and checking machinery to be in shape for winter.

Having brought a complete gas service to customers, Lone Star Gas system employees request customers to do their part by supplying proper appliances for health and comfort. They are asking them not to wait until cold weather strikes before taking care of their heating needs. Now is the time to get out heaters and have this service finished before the first norther.

During the summer gas company employees promoted modern heating equipment and many customers have installed these appliances early to

avoid the last minute rush. The gas company warns its customers that heating habits are as important in safeguarding health as eating habits, saying: "Winter presents a threat to the family's health, using the common cold as an advance guard to open the door for pneumonia, influenza and other serious respiratory ailments. Doctors generally urge plenty of rest, sensible eating habits, evenly heated rooms and an avoidance of draughts as allies in warding off colds."

An overheated room can present as serious a health hazard as an unheated room, according to the gas company, which urges customers to heat their entire homes but only to a comfortable, even heat.

Ventilation is another important factor, particularly where unvented heating equipment is used. Opening a window slightly from the top will prevent headaches resulting from stuffy atmosphere and will also prevent wall sweating caused by condensation of moisture in the air of

the room. For safety as well as health, the gas company warns its customers against sleeping in a tightly closed room where a gas heater is burning. The heater takes air from the room atmosphere and consequently there must be ventilation.

Four and one-half million dollars worth of blue surplus food stamps were distributed through the Food Stamp plan during the month of August in the 125 areas throughout the United States where the plan was in operation.

The 549-foot San Jacinto monument near Houston has settled 2.8 inches since its construction three years ago, should sink another three inches in the next five years, University of Texas foundation engineering expert says.

According to the manufacturers, approximately 20,000 miles are considered the life of a good tire.

A "True Story," Told By Shiloh Intermediates

A "True Story," ages old, yet ever new, stranger than fiction and more popular than any sold on newsstands today, is the one featuring the program of the Sunday School zone meeting, which will be held with the Noodle Baptist church on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 3 p. m.

Houston Smith, zone superintendent, who is teacher of the Shiloh intermediate class, and boys and girls of this class are putting forth every effort possible to make this program worthwhile.

The musical program, consisting of vocal numbers and stringed instruments, is inspiration within itself, to say nothing of the discussions on the birth, mercy, object and death of Christ. So be there!

Merchants Sales Books 5c, six for 25c or 25 for \$1.00, at Merkel Mail office.

A. C. C. Homecoming to Honor New President

Abilene, Oct. 31.—Detailed plans are being laid as Abilene Christian college prepares for one of the largest homecomings in its history on Nov. 8 and 9.

Theme of this annual event will be to honor Don H. Morris, newly named president who took office June 1, the first executive to be elected from the ranks of the ex-students association.

Bulletins, numbering 8,000, are being mailed this week to former students located in practically every state of the union, urging that they join the trek back to their Alma Mater.

Feature events of the gathering will be the chapel program by the ex-students, the free West Texas barbecue, and the bon-fire and pep rally for the home coming football game between Abilene Christian College Wildcats and the Daniel Baker

eleven on the afternoon of Nov. 9. Fred Barton, Abilene, who is president of the ex-students association and in charge of the event, also lists numerous other reunions, meetings and social events on the detailed program.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

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GAS COMPANY AGAIN WARNS AGAINST COLDS

Dallas, Oct. 15—Heating habits are as important in safeguarding the family's health throughout the winter as eating habits, the gas company warns its customers.

"Winter presents a threat to the whole family's health, using the common cold as an advance guard to open the door for pneumonia, influenza and other serious respiratory ailments," the company points out. Scientific tests prove that the most important step in preventing colds is to regulate room temperatures properly and provide a circulation of warm air throughout the home. Because of its flexibility, the ideal heating fuel is gas. Floor furnaces, gas steam radiators, circulation and central furnaces are the best examples of modern vented gas heating equipment and each type offers an invaluable health protection insofar as heating is concerned. Ventilation produces a healthful atmosphere even in the coldest weather.

Sneeze "Germs" Hunt New Victim In Big Hurry

Pittsburgh, Sept. 30 (AP).—The air hygiene foundation reported today that common cold germs propelled by a sneeze, hunt new victims at a speed of better than 100 miles an hour.

"An unstuffed sneeze sprays the air with thousands of droplets, some of which travel 12 feet and at a rate as high as 50 feet per second," said a foundation bulletin. It warned that the so-called "common cold" was the greatest health problem in industry, adding that health protection of workmen was especially essential during the present stepped-up period of defense production.

City Struck By Epidemic of Flu, Pneumonia

Fills Hospitals and Confines Many to Homes; School Attendance Cut

A wave of influenza and pneumonia, sweeping over the city during the past few days, had filled hospitals, confined many others to their homes, and cut down on school attendance Thursday.

It was difficult to get beds at Parkland and St. Paul, according to reports from those hospitals Thursday, and others in the city were crowded to near-capacity. Officials at Parkland said that 12 cases of pneumonia had been brought there during the past three days.

12 Per Cent Absent
Dr. J. W. Bass, head of the city health department, said reports to his office showed that 12 per cent of the school children in Highland Park and University Park were absent because of illness.

Be Careful of Colds
Specific advice offered by Dr. Bass was: "When you get a bad cold, go to bed and call a doctor. Avoid exposure even with a mild cold. Whether you are sick or well, don't go from a warm room into the cold. Don't let your body get chilled, particularly your feet."

Nation's Flu Chart Going Higher Rapidly; Doctors Warn of Complications

Washington (AP)—The "G-men" who help guard the nation's health are watching a sharply climbing curve on a chart at headquarters of the public health service.

It tells them that Public Enemy Flu is on the loose—that this winter's wave of the mysterious chill-fever-ache malady is four times bigger than the average.

New cases of influenza for the first week of 1940 some 10,000 as compared with a five-year medium responding week of 2,500—more than a month's increase.

Public health officials say there is no cause yet for the 1932-1933 epidemic. In the 1932-1933 epidemic new cases were reported at a rate of 200 a week.

They say the "sneezing" germs are "the most serious" of all.

That is mainly because of the danger of complications such as pneumonia and streptococcal infections.

Medical science has found no specific remedy or preventive for influenza and its first cousin, the common cold.

Flu is a suave faker. Even physicians cannot always diagnose individual cases, influenza or grippe in its early stages frequently being indistinguishable from a cold. To many people the only difference is severity.

Various vaccines, serums, preventive medicines and even alcoholic beverages have been urged as influenza preventives. The public health service says there is no evidence that any of these will ward off the infection and that they are definitely harmful.

Man is the carrier of the infection and the fact that



HEALTH DEPT. WARNS AGAINST WINTER COLDS

One Death Every Four Minutes From Pneumonia

With the approach of winter city health authorities urge all citizens to play safe and guard against winter illnesses resulting from the common cold. A cold is an internal infection and unless treated promptly and seriously may turn into something worse. According to published reports, there is a death every four minutes from pneumonia traceable to the so-called "common cold."

The nation's sneezing bill each year reaches the staggering total of \$100,000,000 for treatment of common colds. More than two million wage earners in industry, stores and offices are sick for at least eight days due to common colds, sinus infection, sore throat, influenza and pneumonia that follow or began as colds. Lost time and treatment costs caused by the common cold are estimated at two billion dollars annually.

Local doctors point out that sudden changes of temperature can be expected soon and special effort should be made to safeguard against catching cold. Any sudden change of temperature permits the cold germ to become active.

AS COMPANY STUDIES COMMON COLD THREAT

Average Family Has Three "Colds" Per Year

How to help more than a million people lower the national average of three colds per person this winter was one of the chief problems studied at a meeting of the gas company managers here this morning.

"Doctors and health authorities, who cooperated with the company in preparing education information given at the conference, agreed that many colds so prevalent in this section of the country are caused by stuffy, overheated rooms," according to D. A. Hulcy, president of the Lone Star Gas System.

"Our surveys show that many of our customers are not getting proper benefit from their present heating equipment, due to the unhealthy habit of living in one or two rooms during the winter season," Mr. Hulcy said. "Occupants of these homes are not only subjecting themselves to exposure to catching cold by going from warm rooms to unheated parts of the house, but are also in danger by remaining in the overheated and usually poorly ventilated rooms. Scientific tests prove that the most important step in guarding against colds is to provide adequate ventilation, regulate room temperatures properly and provide a circulation of warm air throughout the home."

For several years the gas company has been engaged in research concerning the common cold and the relationship between adequate heat and health conditions during the winter season. Findings from these investigations have been endorsed by leading doctors and health authorities throughout this section.

Heat Your Entire Home

...for your health's sake this winter

Any health authority will urge you not to give a common cold an even break. Frequently simple colds develop into dangerous illnesses. Any sudden change of temperature—such as occurs when going from a warm room into a cold one—makes it easy for you to "catch cold." That is why it is important to heat your entire house and provide adequate ventilation during the short winter season.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE
GOOD MILK COW for sale. W. R. Sumpter.

FOR SALE—Two horses and one mule. C. M. Stanley, Route 4, one mile southwest of Merkel.

FOR SALE—My home place; two houses, seven lots, garage and barn. Marvin Smith, 925 Beech St., Abilene, Texas.

FOR SALE—Young milk cow, fresh. Comer Haynes.

FOR SALE—120 acres, 106 in cultivation, well located, 3-room dwelling and outhouses; small cash payment, balance 20 years; possession, Jan. 1, 1941. See W. O. Boney.

FOR RENT
FOR RENT—Nov. 15, unfurnished apartment. Phone 193.

FOR RENT—Furnished bedroom, private entrance. Mrs. T. G. Bragg.

FOR RENT—Building, corner Elm and Edwards street; can give possession Jan. 1, 1941; building now occupied by Barrow Furniture company. Write E. G. Neely, 4311 Hall St., Dallas, Texas.

WANTED
WILL APPRECIATE your wash and grease job; only high pressure car washing system in town. Hi-Way Service Station. O. C. Shouse, Operator.

WANTED—Field pasturage for 100 head of cattle. Sam Butman, Merkel, Texas.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Mrs. C. E. Jacobs, who has been ill for the past ten days, was able to sit up Thursday morning and is reported getting along nicely.

Rev. M. C. Miller, who has been preaching at Shiloh, has accepted the pastorate of the Fundamentalist Baptist church here and will fill the pulpit Sunday for the first time.

Johnny Cox, superintendent of the Taylor Electric Co-operative, Inc., has moved to town and he and his wife are temporarily located at the home of Dr. M. Armstrong. He will remove to the Henry Frazier home in a few days when the latter moves to his farm. Miller Patton has taken the Cox place on the Armstrong farm.

In a pool joined by 55 local young men who registered for the draft on Oct. 16, Jack Stanford drew the jackpot of \$13.75. His serial number is 19 and this number, 11th in order for Draft Board No. 2, Taylor county, was the first drawn out of the group that participated.

Bereavement acknowledgement engraved cards, with envelopes to match, 50 cents per dozen at Merkel Mail office.

We Call It Romance

IT'S JUST a can of soup. But during a long lifetime, the man who made it found some way to advertise it. At first, just a sign over his little soup kitchen, a few billboards. But as the advertising grew, so did the business.
Now the business employs thousands of workers, helps to support tens of thousands of retail clerks and transportation men, and gives the housewife a better, cheaper soup than she could prepare at home.

Back of every heavily advertised article is a romantic story of this kind—the kind of romance that built America.

Courtesy Nation's Business

PERSONALS

Passing visitors here Monday night were Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Self of Breckenridge, who were accompanied by Mrs. H. E. De Lane and Mrs. Sloan and son, Robert, also of that city. They were returning home from a sales congress and agents meeting of the Lincoln National Life Insurance company.

Mrs. S. G. Russell returned Sunday from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Bayard Shive, at Brownwood.

Little Darlene Warlick spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. Sam Nunnally, in Abilene.

Mrs. Ruby Johnson of San Antonio was a week-end visitor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Golladay, and daughter, Mary Fay Johnson.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Collins and children arrived Tuesday from Vinson, Okla., for a visit with their mothers, Mrs. J. M. Collins and Mrs. Seth Hamilton. Mrs. Hamilton's other daughter, Mrs. L. G. Shafer, and husband are expected to arrive from Dallas Saturday for a visit.

Week-end guests in the R. J. Miller home were their daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Davidson, of Millsap.

Miss Iris Garrett, who teaches music in the Hamilton schools, spent the week-end with her father, J. M. Garrett.

Mrs. W. E. Petty is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Gladys Turner, at Big Spring, who is entertaining a big boy born Oct. 25, weighing seven pounds and six ounces. All are doing fine. Mrs. J. W. Higgins is also visiting in the Turner home.

Mrs. C. P. Church returned Sunday from Ada, Okla., where she had visited several days. She made the trip with her father, B. N. Wheeler, and uncle, J. W. Wheeler.

Going by way of Austin, Mayor and Mrs. Henry West took Joy Frances West to Corpus Christi last week-end where she will stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George West, Jr. George is one of the 150 electricians at the Naval Base there, which is now in full swing.

After attending the Stephenville-Cisco game at Cisco Saturday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marr of Stephenville came on to spend Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Marr's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg.

Guests in the S. M. Hunter home home last week were two nephews of Mr. Hunter: John E. Hunter of Fort Worth and Robert L. Balch, of Temple.

Mrs. John Woodrum and daughters, Misses Winterdean and Jannell, of Abilene, spent the week-end with Mrs. Ada Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum.

Mrs. A. V. Dye, accompanied by two sons, Claude and Frank, of San

Angelo, visited here last week-end. Returning home, Mrs. Dye was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Ray King, who is visiting there this week. Mr. and Mrs. Owen Robertson have as their guest, Mr. Robertson's mother, Mrs. T. D. Robertson of Farwell.

Hallowe'en Parties for Girl Scout Troops

Members of the two local Girl Scout troops enjoyed jolly Hallowe'en parties Saturday and Monday nights for their respective groups.

On Saturday evening the Bluebonnet troop, of which Miss Billie Gardner is sponsor, was entertained in the home of Mrs. Grover Gilbert, where the Hallowe'en theme was carried out with a haunted house, games and contests. After readings by Doris Dudley, the evening ended with bobbing for apples, in which prizes were won by Valerie Leonard and Gwendolyn Vaughn.

Members present were Kathryn Speck, Betty Jo Perry, Becky Gaither, Mary Ruth Hutcheson, Dorothy Nell Lee, Jean Curb, Valerie Leonard, Reba Rae Kingsbury, Beth Ann Myers, Ann Walker, Betty Gilbert, Mary Faye Johnson, Geneva Allen, Geraldine Daniels, Ann Groene, Marian Cobb, Betty June Toombs, Ima Ruth Shouse, Gwendolyn Vaughn, Doris Dudley, Genevieve Robertson, Jennie Ree Teaff, Bobbie Nell Reagan. Visitors were Billie Mae Cobb, Mrs. Billy Cobb, Mrs. Hob Robertson, Mrs. Grover Gilbert and Miss Billie Gardner.

On Monday night, in the home of Mrs. Walter Teaff, the Sequoia troop, of which Mrs. Richard Young is sponsor, met with special invitations extended their boy friends. Games were played and Hallowe'en fun was enjoyed, after which orange punch and cookies, with orange and black mints, were served to Don Hutcheson, Waymond Rutledge, Joe Horton, Clyde Bartlett, George Mack Owens, Deverle Teaff, Billy Joe White, Franklin Deavers, Delma Harris, H. F. Hennington, Evelyn Sears, Patricia Leonard, Jeanette Neff, Billie Mae Cobb, Dorothy Nell Groene, Nedra Swafford, Betty Jane Curb, Johnny McDonald, Mary Lou Bow, Frances Derington, Freda Nell Huddleston, Janet Teaff.

Brake inspections undertaken in many states recently show that an average of about one-third of the cars inspected had faulty brakes.

Forty-four per cent of the home demonstration club women in the United States belong to four or more organizations besides their local home demonstration club.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Merkel P.-T. A. Has Record Enrollment

Reaching a record membership of 212 members, the Merkel Parent-Teacher association closed its annual membership drive Thursday, Oct. 24.

With Mrs. Norman Hodge, association president, Mrs. H. C. Reid, treasurer, and Mrs. Clyde Sears, membership chairman, as leaders, the drive, continuing from the first of school, reached its climax this week with 100 per cent membership among all seven school trustees and their wives, all faculty members and their husbands or wives, and all committee members and room mothers. At this time last year the total membership was 85, but increased to a total 1939-40 membership of 167.

Twenty-five cents, which is required for membership by the state office, must be sent there for every registered member. Funds to carry on local work each year are made through the medium of the Hallowe'en Carnival given Oct. 31 every year. Most associations besides Merkel set 50 cents as dues, enabling them to send 25 cents to state office, as required, and keep 25 cents for local use.

The prize of \$2.50 donated by the P.-T. A. and \$1.00 by the membership chairman to the room securing the largest percentage of its parents as members was awarded to a third grade room taught by Miss Winnie Heizer. This room secured 25 members.

Two hundred and twelve members is the largest membership recorded in any one of the four years of Merkel's

participation in Parent-Teacher work. Other workers on the membership committee include Mrs. Bob McDonald, Mrs. Denzel Cox and Mrs. Jinks Winter.

Sisters Visit First Time in 32 Years

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott last week were Mr. and Mrs. Elliott's two sisters and a brother and brother-in-law, the first visit of the sisters together in 32 years.

The sisters are Mrs. Ann Jones of Duncan, Okla., and Mrs. Tom Stanley of Trousdale, Okla., while the brother is Z. R. Smith of Apache, Okla. Mrs. Stealey was accompanied by her husband.

On Saturday the visitors were guests of their niece, Mrs. Carl Black.

Rainfall for 1940 Nears 22 Inches

Two showers that fell late Thursday afternoon of last week yielded three-eighths of an inch of moisture, only precipitation locally during the month of October.

Rainfall for the first nine months of the year was 21 1-4 inches. With last week's moisture added, the year's figure to date is 21 5-8 inches.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

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SPECIALS for FRIDAY-SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 1 and 2



JONATHAN APPLES	Doz. 15c
CELERY	Bunch 10c
RUTABAGAS	Lb. 3c
GREEN BEANS	Lb. 5c
SALAD	
Wafers	1 1/2-lb. box 22c
STRAWBERRY Preserves	1-lb. jar 23c
RED & WHITE Pineapple No. 1 can 3 for 25c	
OUR VALUE Peas	No. 2 can 10c
RED & WHITE Catsup	14-oz. bottle 17c
TOMATO Juice	Half Gallon 25c
SUN SPUN Salad Dressing	Pint 21c
RED & WHITE Cleanser	2 cans 9c
RED & WHITE Laundry Soap	7 bars 25c

RED & WHITE FLOUR PRICES

6 lb. bag	29c	24 lb. bag	89c
12 lb. bag	49c	48 lb. bag	\$1.55

RED & WHITE Corn, No. 2 can	2 for 25c	RED & WHITE Milk	4 small or 2 tall 15c
RED & WHITE Coffee	1-lb. can 25c	BLUE & WHITE Pork & Beans	Per can 5c

MARKET SPECIALS

SHORTENING 4 lb. ctn. 39c	PORK STEAK	Lb. 29c
CRISCO	CHUCK ROAST	Lb. 19c
SLICED BACON	CHEESE	Lb. 25c

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A spray for treatment of colds and bronchial irritations in poultry and hogs.

Gizzard Capsules, 100 adult size \$1.25

Reduces infestation of Large Round Worms, Large Tape Worms, and Pin Worms.

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A preparation to be added to the drinking water for the treatment of colds and bronchial irritations in poultry and hogs.

GERMAZONE, 4 oz. size 40c

To be used in the drinking water for simple diarrhoea and in the prevention of transmittal of disease.

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An acid in treatment of coccidiosis.

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