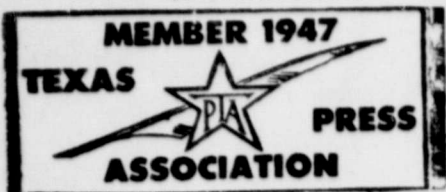


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SOCIETY

LANGSTON-BYROM.

Billie Byrom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Byrom, Route 2, Trent, became the bride of Derwood Langston, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Langston of Graham, in a ceremony read Saturday.

Vows were repeated in the First Methodist church of Abilene, with the pastor, Rev. Marvin L. Boyd, reading the service.

The bride wore an ice blue crepe dress with a pencil slim skirt, the bodice was fitted with long sleeves and a key-hole neckline. Her hat was of blue feathers and other accessories were of grey suede. She carried a white Bible topped with a white orchid.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was her sister, Ann Byrom, who wore a grey dress with navy blue accessories and a corsage of gardenias.

Leroy Langston, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man.

Following the wedding a reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Byrom, 334 Grand. The bridal table was centered with a white wedding cake with a miniature bride and bridegroom. Mrs. W. L. Langston served cake and Ann Byrom ladled punch.

Guests were registered by Mrs. J. B. Allison of Roscoe.

Mrs. Langston, a graduate of the Noodle High school, was a junior in McMurry college at the time of her marriage. She was a member of the Delta Beta Epsilon sorority.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Olney high school and is employed at the Citizens National bank.

The couple was honored with a miscellaneous gift shower in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Marlow of Abilene, on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

After a short wedding trip the couple will live at 902 Merchant.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL QUEEN.

The friends of Miss Mary Evelyn Bearden will be interested in her popularity at Decatur Baptist college where she is a freshman this year. She was elected cheer leader of the Pep Squad this fall and more recently was crowned Queen of the football squad. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Bearden of Dallas and has visited relatives here many times.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The Woman's Missionary society of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon at the church for a Royal Service program. The topic for the month was "Challenge for Service." After the opening song, "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling," Mrs. Don Riney led the opening prayer and brought the devotional from Col. 1:24-29.

Mesdames Horace Boney and Mack Tucker gave parts on the program. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Irl Walker.

Present were Mesdames J. S. Swann, A. R. Booth, Earl Lassiter, Sam Swann, W. W. Wheeler and the above mentioned.

Banquet

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why it had been such a success—the splendid cooperation of a number of friends.

The program was closed by the singing of "At the End of a Perfect Day," by Jane Hughes and Vivian Gasio, accompanied by Mrs. Comer Haynes at the piano.

Violations of City Ordinances Named

Two violations of city ordinances, which have caused much concern the past few days, were cited by Mayor A. J. Canon, who asked that publicity be given as a warning.

In downtown areas, he said that in some instances trash had not even been put in the incinerators but had been emptied several feet away from the containers.

Another complaint, which had come to his attention, was the poisoning of dogs in the city. It is a violation of a city ordinance to put out poison, he said, adding that "if you have dogs that you want to get rid of, call the city police to request this service."

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 729 as compared with 794 on the previous Sunday and 825 on the same Sunday a year ago.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.
A. T. Suskey, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 6:00 p. m. Evening sermon at 7:00. Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.
Merle Weathers, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH
Church School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11. Youth Fellowship 6:30 p. m. Evening worship 7:00. WSCS Mondays, 2 p. m. Mid-week prayer Wednesdays, 7:00 p. m.
R. L. Butler, Pastor

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11 o'clock. Christian Endeavor meets at 6 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday.
D. S. Neel, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11. NYPS at 7:00 p. m. Preaching at 8:00. Prayer meeting at 7:00 p. m. Wednesday.
R. T. Smith, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible School 9:45 a. m. Sunday. Worship 10:50 a. m. and 7 p. m. Young People's meeting 6:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7 p. m.
Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Services Thursday 7:45 p. m.
H. S. Earp, Pastor.

Letter to Santa Claus.

Dear Santa Claus: I am seven years old and in the second grade. I would like for you to bring me a football and a white Bible. My little brother is 2 1/2 years old. We want a miniature football and a gun and a scabbard. We would also like to have some candy, fruit and nuts and some fireworks.

Edwin and Roy Lynn Dixon.

Hospital Notes.

The following patients were received at Sadler Clinic-Hospital during the past week for treatment: Mrs. F. C. Bible, Bettie Duncan, Dec. 11; Mrs. James L. Bailey, Dec. 13; Mrs. Lee Stanley, R. L. Nelson, Dec. 14; Mrs. A. J. Barbee, R. R. Meeks, Dec. 15; Billy Joe Bryan, Dec. 16.

Christmas Party for Couple from Brooklyn

Trent, Dec. 18.—In recognition of the visit home of their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Russell, from Brooklyn, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Russell were the genial hosts to seventy or more friends for a Christmas dinner party Saturday evening in the school lunchroom, festive in Yuletide dress. The affair proved to be a three-way birthday celebration, as the occasion marked the birthday of the visiting son, whose wife's birthday had been the latter part of November and whose father's birthday was the succeeding day.

Rev. Rufus Kitchens gave the invocation and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux was toastmistress for the evening. In introducing Mrs. Russell she very appropriately called for singing "The Sidewalks of New York," while for Mr. Russell, a Texan, "The Eyes of Texas" was timely. Supt. Ben W. Newhouse of the Trent schools led these songs, as well as "Happy Birthday to the Russells," when a huge three-tiered birthday cake was presented. Mrs. Bonneaux gave further emphasis to our grand old state with a poem of her own composition on Texas.

After a delectable holiday menu, climaxed with the cutting and serving of the birthday cake, was enjoyed, "Jingle Bells" was played in unison on the water glasses to the piano accompaniment of Miss Christine Collins and the group then sang this favorite carol. Several mirth-provoking games, inspired by Mrs. Bonneaux, followed. Then changing the pace to the more serious side of life she introduced Joe Tarpley who read Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Mrs. Ethel Shafer of Merkel who sang "The First Noel" and "White Christmas," and Mrs. Louie McRee, in a reading of "The Night Before Christmas." In concluding this portion of the evening's entertainment, little Miss Kay Beasley, who knew Santa Claus was coming to town, sang "When Santa Claus Had the Rheumatism." As she finished, it was the time for the arrival of a real Santa Claus with his pack of gifts which were distributed amidst much merriment.

The three honorees were remembered with real birthday gifts, with an added holiday tone.

Among out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Herndon and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Herndon, of Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. Ethel Shafer, Miss Christine Collins and C. J. Glover of Merkel.

REWARD

THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who poisoned my small black and white Collie dog, named 'Lady' on Friday and/or Saturday nights, Dec. 12th or 13th.
Sam Butman, Sr.

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Christmas Greetings To You and Your Family...

The officers, directors and staff of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank join in extending to you warm, sincere wishes for an "old-fashioned" Merry Christmas.

You'll probably hear some folks say, "Christmas isn't what it used to be—life is too complicated. There are still shortages of this and that: prices are too high; taxes are terrific" and son on.

When we think like that, we aren't thinking about Christmas! Christmas doesn't depend on any of those things—the real spirit of Christmas is in the heart; in the way we think; in the way we feel about our fellow men. And it's just possible there'd be a lot less trouble in this old world if more people thought a bit more about Christmas and kept the Christmas spirit with them 365 days of the year.

We appreciate every opportunity you have given us to be of service this past year—and we look forward to being of service again and again in 1948. But the warmth of our greeting to you isn't dependent upon the business you transact at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank . . . the important thing is that we can count you among our friends.

And so . . . when we wish you an "old-fashioned" Merry Christmas . . . we are extending greetings based on appreciation of your friendship. May Christmas 1947 be the Merriest Christmas for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,

Sam Butman, Sr., H. C. West, W. T. Sadler
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Badgers
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Coch Benson's backfield quartet worked behind a hard-charging line which paved the way for Merkel's three touchdowns, and at the same time practically smothered the Lobo running game.

With Corky Land and Leroy Teaff providing the punch, the Badgers rolled 75 yards for a T. D. late in the initial period after halting a Lobo march on the 25. Land circled left end behind precise blocking by Leon Floyd, Bobby Hodge and Bobby Gilbert from the 22-yard line to give Merkel a 6-0 lead. Don Dudley's kick was no good.

Late in the second canto the visitors returned a punt to their own 37 and headed for pay dirt. Eleven plays, including three completed passes, carried them to the Merkel 13. Levelland was then penalized 15 yards for clipping. Two plays later Leroy Teaff intercepted a pass on the 20 to put out the fireworks. Score at the half: 6-0.

Levelland returned the second half kickoff to their own 32. Due to some heads-up defensive work by Leon Floyd, Bobby Criswell and Robert Sledge, the boys from the plains lost 6 yards in three plays and were forced to kick to the Merkel 42. Land, Walker and Teaff drove to the Lobo 13 in eight plays and then Merkel was shoved back to the 28 by a 15-yard holding penalty. On the next play Leon Floyd hooped it to the one-foot line on a beautifully executed screen pass play. Walker scored on the next try and Teaff caught a pass for the extra point to make the count 13-0.

Levelland's Bobby Hart returned the ensuing kickoff to the locals' 25. Fifteen yards were lost on a Statue of Liberty play, but on the next try Hart tossed to Bobby Blundell on the 10, and Blundell dashed into the end zone for the Lobo's first tally. Hart's kick for the extra point was good, making the score 13-7.

The final period provided the real fireworks of the contest. Merkel couldn't go after the next kickoff and Walker quick kicked to mid-field and from this point the visitors began to roll, with Hart and Wise doing most of the mail toting. In 8 plays the Lobos had tied the count and Hart's extra point kick sent the Lobos into a 14-13 lead.

The Badgers were not through for the afternoon, however, as they took the next kickoff on their own 26 and with calmness and precision rolled to another T. D., Jimmy Walker pushing over left tackle from the 7-

yard stripe. Sledge's kick from placement was blocked, but the local eleven held a 19-14 lead with only about a minute to play.

Very few, if any, of the 3,500 rooters present, including the Levelland fans, believed that the Lobos could pull the game out of the fire at this stage, but it seems that Bobby Hart and his mates had different ideas. Wise returned the kickoff to the 30 and on the first play from scrimmage Hart dropped back to his 20, being badly rushed by Merkel linemen, fired to Aduddell, who took the oval on the 25 and scooted to the "glory land" for the game's winning marker. Two plays later the most thrilling game played in the past five years was over.

Everyone of Merkel's unfortunate warriors turned in a great performance. Leon Floyd was probably the outstanding blocker and tackler on the field, but was closely pushed by Sanford Carr, Leroy Teaff and Bobby Criswell. Corky Land with 140 yards rushing to his credit was the outstanding ground gainer of the afternoon.

Here's how Merkel won the battle of statistics but lost the ball game: First downs, Merkel 19, Levelland 8; yards rushing, Merkel 240, Levelland 70; passing, Merkel completed 7 of 11 for 71 yards, Levelland completed 6 of 12 for 147 yards; punting, Merkel 2 for 66 yards; Levelland 2 for 66 yards; penalties, Merkel 6 for 60 yards, Levelland 3 for 35 yards; penetrations, Merkel 3, Levelland 4.

The following boys donned their Purple and Gold football togs for the last time Friday afternoon: Jimmy Walker, James Land, Leon Floyd, Leroy Teaff, Robert Hodge, John English, Lon McDonald, Billy Pat Nash, Robert Sledge, Miniford McCoy, Hollis McLean, Bobby Joe Criswell, Bobby Gilbert, Donald Pratt, Larry Baily, Oris Reynolds, Don Dudley, Jimmy Black, Billie Baze, Sanford Carr, and Manager G. H. Suber.

Trent 4-H Boys Plan Field Trip

Trent, Dec. 18.—Plans for a field trip to be conducted in January were made by the Trent 4-H club boys at a meeting held Dec. 11, which was attended by 28 members.

The boys decided to study more about the care and feeding of hogs while making the field trip, which will take the place of the regular January meeting.

At the meeting the club named new sponsors: Percy Scott, Bruce Hughes and Odell Freeman.

County Agent Elmo Cook and Assistant County Agent Luther Wilson were present and furnished several interesting suggestions.

The planet Venus and the earth are almost identical twins in size, the earth having a diameter only 327 miles greater.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday, the 13th day of January, 1948, at 7 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Booth Warren, President.

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ROAD TAXES
 Of the money T & P took in last year, \$142,692 went into state and various county road tax funds.

ALL SCHOOL TAXES
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 T & P paid \$19,667 into the funds counties maintain to pay county jury fees and pay expenses of district courts.

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 T & P paid into various levee and drainage tax funds a total of \$90,169 last year.

FEDERAL TAXES
 Uncle Sam comes in for his share of the T & P income, too. Tax payments to the Federal Government for 1946 amounted to \$1,544,716.

Legal Notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: J. Stoddard Johnston, and the unknown heirs of J. Stoddard Johnston, G. W. Price and the unknown heirs of G. W. Price, The Peoples Building Loan and Saving Association, a corporation, and the unknown stockholders of The Peoples Building Loan and Saving Association, and Oscar N. Whitney, Assignee of The Peoples Building Loan and Saving Association, and the unknown successors and unknown heirs of said Oscar N. Whitney, assignee, Greeting:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 19th day of January, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 4th day of September, 1947. The file number of said suit being No. 15,425-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Mrs. Bessie M. Radford and O. E. Radford as Plaintiff, and J. Stoddard Johnston, G. W. Price, The Peoples Building Loan and Saving Association, a corporation, and the unknown stockholders of The Peoples Building Loan and Saving Association, Oscar N. Whitney, and the unknown successors, and unknown heirs of said Oscar N. Whitney, Assignee, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: The Plaintiffs are suing the Defendants in trespass to try title for the title to and possession of Lots Nos. 7 and 8, in Block "U" of the Subdivision of Lot 1, in Block 209, in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, as shown by plat of said Subdivision recorded in Vol. J, on page 631, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas; and also it is alleged that the Defendants for a period of more than 25 years, have not exercised dominion over said property and have not paid any taxes thereon, and that during said period of 25 years the Plaintiffs have openly exercised dominion over said property, and have paid taxes thereon for 25 years, before such taxes became delinquent, and they sue for the title and possession of said property.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this 5th day of December, A. D., 1947.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 5th day of December, A. D., 1947.

(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

MOVIE CALENDAR

Friday - Saturday — Double feature program: William Boyd, Andy Clyde, Rand Brooks in "Hoppy's Holiday" and Louis Hayward, Joan Leslie, Richard Basehart in "Repeat Performance;" Jesse James serial No. 10 and Jack Armstrong serial.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — June Haver, Mark Stevens in "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now;" latest News reel and color cartoon.

Wednesday - Thursday — Lucille Ball, Franchot Tone in "Her Husband's Affairs;" Jesse James serial No. 11.

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Western Stock Show to Have New Livestock Exhibition Hall

Denver, Dec. 18.—Plans for a record-breaking National Western Stock Show, Horse Show and Rodeo to be held in Denver Jan. 16-24, were revealed in a news release by John T. Caine, III, show manager.

Exhibitors may look forward to a new livestock exhibition hall now being built, and a newly remodeled barn which will be used for animal housing purposes. In all, this will provide stalls for 200 more breeding cattle and 70 more horses . . . comfortable, clean space for purebred livestock.

"If advance entries and ticket reservations are an indication," said Caine, "this year's show promises to be the biggest we've ever had."

As usual, the Hereford show is already attracting wide attention and interest. Too, advance entries in the Aberdeen Angus section indicate this show will be the largest of all times.

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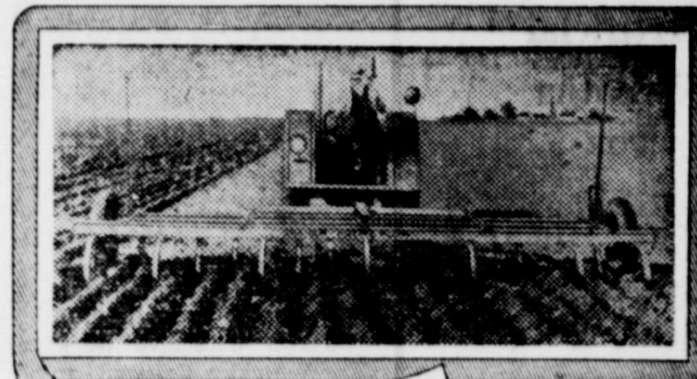
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Nutrition is Your Business and Ours

In this wintry month, as America prepares for that feast which celebrates the birth of the Prince of Peace, men and women of good will take spiritual stock, give thanks for many blessings.

Well-nourished bodies and minds are the wealth of America. One of the great blessings that this country enjoys is the food it produces in such abundance. Farmers and ranchers who produce this food, and we at Swift & Company who process and distribute it, have an occasion for satisfaction in our teamwork. Together we can say—and proudly—"Nutrition is our business."

Good nutrition begins with soil itself. Out of the soil come the crops—the fruits and grains and vegetables we eat. Out of the soil also come the grasses and legumes and grains on which livestock feed—the very foundation of the meat and dairy products that are the protein backbone of our nation's food.

Today the American people are better nourished than ever before in history. This is cause for pride and rejoicing. For a better fed, healthier people leads to a stronger nation with greater capacity for clearer thinking, for work and production.

Good nutrition adds life to your years and years to your life. Good eating, which today we call the science of nutrition, is not an accident. It must be planned—beginning with the preparation of the soil and continuing through the raising of the crops and livestock, to the selection and preparation of meals for the table. This is an activity in which we all play an important part. Swift men of research and technology, like you farmers and ranchers all over America, are seeking ways in which the food of our people may be improved and our joint operations made to thrive ever more abundantly.

Martha Logan's Recipe for
MINCEMEAT

- 1 pound cooked beef shank, chuck, or neck meat
 - 1 cup meat stock
 - 1/2 pound suet
 - 4 pounds apples
 - 1/2 pound currants
 - 1 pound seeded raisins
 - 1 1/2 pounds brown sugar
 - 1 quart cider
 - 2 teaspoons salt
 - 2 teaspoons nutmeg
 - 2 teaspoons cloves
 - 3 teaspoons cinnamon
 - 5 tablespoons lemon juice
- Pare, core, and chop apples. Chop together currants and raisins. Add apples, sugar, cider, and meat stock. Cook about 5 minutes. Grind meat and suet. Add with seasonings to apple mixture. Simmer 1 hour, stirring frequently to prevent burning. Add lemon juice. This mincemeat may be made ahead of time and canned for use throughout the holiday season. (Yield: 4 quarts)

Track Down the Facts

The beaver is an industrious and intelligent animal. He fells trees, builds dams, and wastes little effort or material. A "by-product" of his building operations—the bark of limbs and logs—provides his supply of winter food.



We in the livestock and meat industry have been "busy as beavers" developing methods of saving the different by-products of livestock. These products benefit the human race in many ways. Many ailments are relieved by extracts from livestock glands. Numerous ordinary articles, such as glue, buttons, combs, knife handles, soap, etc., originate from livestock. Under normal conditions the returns from livestock by-products are almost large enough to offset the operating and marketing expenses of the meat packers. The value of by-products has reduced the average cost of meat to consumers and has increased the prices the producer receives for livestock.



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Farmers and ranchers look to us to provide a daily cash market, and to compete in buying their livestock and other products. We, in turn, depend on you for raw materials. Our operations and yours are interdependent and based on mutual trust in each other's fair dealing.

The 64,000 stockholders invest their savings in Swift & Company with faith that good management will earn them a fair return on their investment. To keep that faith, the company must earn a reasonable profit.

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Mrs. Tom Parkinson, cooperater in the Carpenters Gap Conservation group, has planted 35 to 40 acres of abandoned cropland to hairy vetch and abuzzi rye. This sandy idle cropland has lost a great amount of top soil by wind blowing in recent years. Mrs. Parkinson plans to grow hairy vetch on this area for a few years to revigorate the soil, increase organic matter, and to build up surface litter. When this has been accomplished the area will be seeded to adapted grasses for erosion control and used as a permanent pasture. This vetch was seeded at the rate of about 15 pounds vetch and 50 pounds rye per acre and superphosphate was applied at the rate of about 200 pounds per acre.

W. A. Daniel, cooperater in the South Trent Conservation group, has installed some spreader dams in two of his pastures to spread and better utilize outside water over flat areas. He plans to seed these spreader dams to yellow bluestem grass early next spring.

Judge L. Crow, cooperater in the South Boyd Chapel Conservation group and operator of one of the larger commercial fruit orchards in Jones county, has seeded about 125 acres to hairy vetch and abuzzi rye as a winter cover and soil improving crop. Mr. Crow's cropland is mostly deep sandy soils subject to wind erosion if not properly protected. He made his first planting of vetch and rye last year and was greatly impressed with the value of this crop. It is his intention to use hairy vetch and rye as a winter cover crop for his 160 acre orchard annually and to use it in two years

rotation on the remainder of his cultivated land in rotation with grain sorghums. It is his opinion that he can produce as much grain sorghum per acre following vetch as he could in two years without vetch. He plans to build up a good ground cover of dry vetch and rye litter to prevent wind blowing in the years when the field is planted to grain sorghums.

District cooperators constructing new terraces are: C. R. Rogers, Jr., of Warren group, W. A. Richburg of South Trent group, J. Cal Hamner of North Trent group, W. B. Payne of IXL group and W. S. J. Brown of South Noodle group.

New York's Wall Street received its name from a boundary wall built across Manhattan Island by the Dutch settlers in 1653 to protect them from possible attack by the English.

Merkel Boy at ACC on Texas Conference Team

Abilene, Dec. 18.—For the second consecutive year Willard Paine, former Merkel High School star, has been named to the All-Texas Conference football team from the Abilene Christian College eleven, where he has been a regular starter at tackle the past two seasons.

Big Paine, a senior in ACC this year, is one of the game co-captains for this year's Wildcat squad that won six, while losing three.

Outstanding in defensive work, Paine held down the left tackle position the entire season, missing only portions of each game of the nine on the schedule. Only at the Arizona State game in Tempe, Arizona did he miss more than half of the contest, as he was injured in the middle of the first quarter.

He was the biggest man on the small starting line that averaged only 188 pounds, which made it the smallest collegiate line in the Southwest. Paine weighs around 220 pounds.

An agriculture major, he plans to do work toward his master's degree in that field next year in preparation for work in the field of soil conservation. He is the first student to graduate from ACC with a degree in agriculture.

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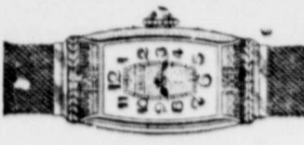
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'47 Badgers Show Best Defensive Record Any Team Past Five Years

A survey of the statistics of the 12 football games played this season reveals that this year's edition of the Purple and Gold grid machine has the best defensive record of any local eleven in the past five years. The Badgers held the opposition to an average of 85 yards rushing per game, which easily tops the 1944 record of 113 yards per game. Merkel opponents managed to average five first downs, per game, which is slightly above the previous record made in 1944. In the passing department, the Merkel secondary allowed their opponents to complete 50 per cent of their heaves, which is slightly off the 1944 record of 27 per cent.

In the offensive department Coach Benson's boys ranked close to the 1944 aggregation. A total of 320 points were rolled up this year as compared to 377 in 1944. This year the backfield boys rolled up 2979 yards rushing while 4018 yards were amassed in '44. But in the passing division the 1947 eleven netted 371 yards, which is about double the yardage of 1944.

Detailed statistics for the season: Won eleven games and lost one, that a thrilling 20-19 loss to Levelland in the Region 2 finals. Merkel scored 320 points as compared to 72 for the opposition. 2979 yards were made rushing as compared to 1016 by the opponents. The Badgers racked up 184 first downs while the enemy made 61. The Purple and Gold completed 57 passes out of 125 attempts for 971 yards. The opposition completed 38 out of 110 for 556 yards. The Merkel punters averaged 32 yards per boot on 24 kicks, while the opponents also had the same average.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING.
James Land, 109 points; Jimmy Walker, 87 points; Leroy Teaff, 57; Don Dudley, 14; Robert Hodgre, 12; Minford McCoy, 12; Brandon Wade, 12; Bobby Gilbert, 6; Oris Reynolds, 6; Robert Sledge, 2; Marvin Holloway, 2; Jimmy Black, 1.

INDIVIDUAL YARDAGE.
James Land, 953 yards in 155 carries for an average of 6.1 yards per try; Jimmy Walker, 924 yards in 171 carries for an average of 5.4 yards per try; Leroy Teaff, 741 yards in 103 carries for an average of 7.2 yards per try.

ATTENDANCE.
It is estimated that 23,709 persons saw the Badgers in action in the 12 games played this fall, for an average of 1,975 per game. The best previous attendance was last year with 22,709 at eleven game. During the past four years about 78,100 fans have witnessed

Over 92 Millions Paid By San Antonio Office For Terminal Leaves

Fort Sam Houston, Dec. 18.—More than 600,000 veterans who received their discharges in Texas have received \$7,800,000 in cash and \$84,466,000 in 2 1-2 per cent terminal leave bonds from the San Antonio Finance Office alone. Col. J. R. Vance, Finance Officer, has announced. Total payments of cash and bonds made by this office in accordance with the Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946 are in excess of \$92,266,000.

Approximately one-half of this amount has gone to veterans now residing in Texas, and the remainder has been distributed to veterans living in other states and in almost every country of the world. The figures do not include payments to Texans who were discharged in other states.

More than 1,000 bonds, checks and discharge certificates have been returned by the post office to the San Antonio Finance office because they could not be delivered at the address given by the veterans on their applications. Any veteran who has filed claim for terminal leave and has neither received payment nor explanation for non-payment, is urged to write at once to the Finance Office, U. S. Army, to which his claim was sent, giving his full name, enlisted serial number and present address.

There are still several thousand men in this area who have not applied for payment under the law, Col. Vance believes, and they are urged to submit claims without further delay. Although the deadline has been extended to Sept. 1, 1948, veterans should not wait. Forms are obtainable at most post offices and Veterans Service offices. The offices to which claims should be sent are listed on the application form.

Badger games.

NEXT YEAR'S PROSPECTS.
Coach Carroll Benson will lose 20 boys from the first two teams. Returning lettermen next fall will be Jimmy Floyd, Paul Bow, Wayne McLean, Bobby DuBose, Donald Douglas and Jack Boone. Eleven squadmen will be back.

At this stage it appears that the Rotan Yellowhammers will be the team to beat for the District 8A title next year.

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On McMurry Honor Roll. Abilene, Dec. 18.—Bill Gant of Merkel is on the mid-semester honor roll at McMurry college, according to a recent announcement by college officials. Only 55 students, those with an average of 90 and above, were listed.

LODGE CALLS

Stated meeting of Merkel Chapter 212, Order of Eastern Star, will be held, Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting members cordially invited. Initiation.

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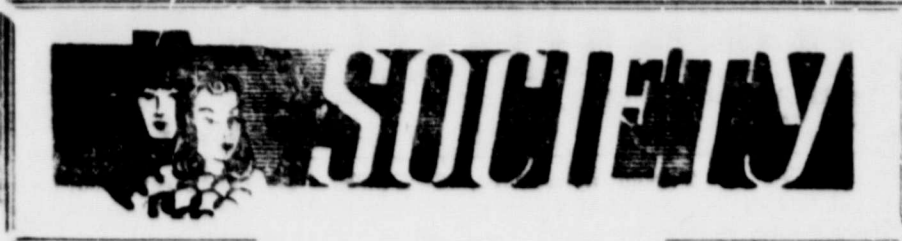
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T. E. L. LOVE FEAST

The annual Christmas banquet for the T. E. L. class of the First Baptist church was held at 1 p. m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9, in the reception rooms of the church. Mrs. Dent Gibson, president of the class, greeted 31 members and guests, welcoming them in to the banquet tables, which were arranged and decorated to form a huge blue star with a mound of glistening snowballs for the centerpiece. Mrs. A. R. Booth offered thanks, after which the ladies were seated around the star points and served to a bountiful two-course repast.

Plate favors were blue metallic stars centered with white mums. On the piano was a miniature snow scene over which hung a likeness of "The Master" and on either side long blue tapers burned, making a beautiful setting for the Christmas program, presented by Mrs. Comer Haynes and members of her speech class.

Letters were read from invited past members and guests who could not attend; every one cherished the good wishes they contained.

At Mrs. Booth's request, (instead of presenting her a gift at this time), the class gave a love offering to Miss Blanche Rose Walker, a missionary to China for 33 years, now retired and who is one of Merkel's own. A "goal" was set and reached climaxing a very lovely Christmas occasion.

Attending were Mesdames Irl Walker, J. A. Kuykendall, Lige Gamble, Sam Swann, L. J. Renfro, L. L. Huddleston, Booth Warren, Ruby Jinkens, C. W. Seago, Owen Robertson, Claude Warren, Robert Harris, Artist Cook, E. R. Clack, T. J. Bird, John Mansfield, W. J. Largent, J. D. Bradley, D. J. Anderson, Dent Gibson, Ollie Fox, Earl Baze, A. R. Booth, T. T. Earthman, R. J. Miller, Earl Lassiter, Earl Teague, W. L. Fugat, Florence Berry and Elma McFarland and Miss Selena Teaff.

GLEANER PARTY.

The lovely ranch home of Mrs. Tom Largent was opened on Dec. 11 to the Gleaners class of the Methodist church for their annual Christmas party. Mrs. Winnie Cypert and Mrs. Ross Ferrier shared hostess duties with Mrs. Largent.

Recordings of Christmas carols were heard as members gathered preceding a turkey dinner. The centerpiece of the dining table was a statuette of the Madonna holding an open prayer book, surrounded by juniper and snow-covered magnolia leaves. Rev. R. L. Butler offered thanks.

The holiday turkey, with all the trimmings, was served buffet-style to 36 seated guests.

During the afternoon, in the spacious living room and sun room, Mrs. Jack Miller presented Mrs. Honer Patterson in a song program, including "Peace Be Still," "There's a Song in the Air" and "Our Yesterdays," with Mrs. C. B. Gardner as accompanist. Mrs. D. H. Vaughn read the Scripture, Mrs. Gardner

led the devotional on "Peace," and Mrs. R. L. Butler offered the prayer. "Silent Night" and other Christmas carols were sung by the class members.

The class president, Mrs. Denzel Cox, presided for a business meeting. On Mrs. Largent's motion the class voted to give \$10 to the orphanage at Waco and also \$5 to the C. C. Young Memorial home. After an inspiring talk by Rev. Mr. Butler, Mrs. Miller presented Mrs. Owen Robertson, who read a Christmas story, "The Drum Goes Dead," by Bess Streeter Aldrich. From a lighted pinion Christmas tree, sent Mrs. Largent by her son, Joe Largent, of Pilsom, N. M., gifts were then distributed to climax the Christmas atmosphere.

Guests present were Mrs. W. J. Largent, Mrs. Joe Largent, of Pilsom, N. M., Mrs. Chester Innes of Abilene, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. Owen Robertson, Rev. R. L. Butler and Mr. Tom Largent. The following members were present: Mesdames M. L. Douglas, W. S. J. Brown, Jack Miller, Denzel Cox, Roy Baccus, Eli Case, Lizzie Latham, Lue Petty, W. C. Church, Sallie Moore, John Shannon, W. W. Lincecum, Kenneth Pee, W. W. Toombs, Earl Stanford, F. Y. Gaither, Herbert Patterson, D. H. Vaughn, C. B. Gardner, Roy Largent, Dee Grimes, Homer Patterson and O. E. Harwell. Misses Lottie Butman and Mabel McRee and the hostesses.

CLASS BANQUET.

Members of the Friendship Couples class of Grace Presbyterian church gathered in the church parlors for their annual get-together Christmas banquet on Thursday evening of last week.

The long white dinner tables, set for 31, were arranged in attractive form and decorated with red candles. A bountiful Christmas dinner of chicken romaine, with all the trimmings, was served buffet-style.

Following the dinner, Christmas gifts were exchanged and a program was sponsored by the president, Vernon Horton. After the opening prayer, led by Rev. D. S. Neel, Mrs. Vincent Barnett sang "The Holy City," accompanied by Miss Christine Collins. Rev. Mr. Neel gave a Christmas reading on "The Beginning of Time." Members gathered around the piano and sang carols at the close of the meeting.

Those attending were Messrs. and Mesdames Vincent Barnett, Jack Dawson West, Carl Hughes, Glenn Abbott, Vernon Horton, Leo Harris.

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CHRISTMAS RECITAL.

Members of the music class of Christine Collins were presented in recital on Monday evening at the grade school auditorium. The stage was decorated with poinsettias and other Yuletide decorations and Christmas songs and piano selections were used throughout the program.

Those appearing were: Sarah McRee, Linda Edington, Peggy Neel, Patricia Smith, Ben Neel, Teresa Kay Beasley, Judy Steadman, Carolyn McRee, Errol Rutledge, Glenda Pangle, Sonia Horton, Joe Neel, Kermit Rutledge, Mary Alice Walker

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WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

Mrs. S. G. Russell was hostess to the Willing Workers class of Grace Presbyterian church for their annual Christmas party in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leo Harris. The meeting was opened with a song, "Silent Night," and the devo-

lional was given by Mrs. R. A. Walker from the second chapter of Luke on the birth of Christ. Prayer was led by Mrs. G. F. West and Christmas poems were given by Mrs. L. L. Murray and Mrs. S. G. Russell.

Roll call was answered by Scripture quotations. A song, "There Is a Name I Love to Hear," and prayer by Mrs. R. A. Walker closed the program, after which an offering was taken for the Reynolds home.

In the social hour, names were drawn and each member received a gift from a lighted tree. Mrs. Russell was assisted by Mrs. Harris in serving a refreshment plate of cheese sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate. Plate favors were Christmas candies and mints, served to the following: Mesdames S. A. Derstine, W. A. Wozencraft, L. L. Murray, D. S. Neel, G. F. West, R. A. Walker, W.

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