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BENSON'S BOYS PULL SURPRISE IN '48 RECORD

Badgers Won Four and Lost 5 Games in Regular Season. But At That "Did Fairly Well," Considering Early Prospects.

Although the year's edition of the Badger football team did not come close to setting any new records for a local eleven, the boys did surprise the district's wisecracks by winding up in a tie with Colorado City for second place in the 6A West loop.

The Badgers won four games and lost five during the regular season, which is the leanest season in about ten years. However, considering the experience and quantity of available material, Coach Benson's charges did fairly well.

The locals got off to a very slow start, but improved greatly as the season progressed, showing plenty of stuff in winning their last three games.

The two most disappointing performances were against Anson and Roscoe.

A statistical summary of the season's play: Scoring Merkel 162 points, Opponents 214; first downs, Merkel 122, Opponents 105; net yards rushing, Merkel 1362 yards or an average of 151 yards per game, Opponents 1841 yards or an average of 205 yards per game; passing, Merkel completed 28 out of 81 for 540 yards, accuracy 34.5%, Opponents completed 32 out of 74 for 568 yards, accuracy 43.2%; punting, Merkel averaged 32 yards per kick, Opponents averaged 31 yards per boot.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING.
McLean 62 points, Douglas 49, Harris 30, Wade 12, Williams 7, Campbell 1, and Farr 1.

INDIVIDUAL YARDAGE.
Harris made 249 yards in 48 carries for an average of 5.2 yards per try; Wade netted 265 yards in 59 runs for an average of 4.5 yards per carry; McLean chalked up 567 yards in 116 attempts for an average of 4.03 yards per try, and Douglas rolled up 187 yards in 62 trips for an average of 3 yards per try.

ATTENDANCE.
In spite of the not-so-good season, it is unofficially estimated that about 16,000 persons witnessed the nine games of this season, or an average of about 1777 persons per contest. This number compares favorably with past seasons.

NEXT YEAR'S PROSPECTS.
Out of the 17 boys who lettered this fall, nine will be back next year. Lettermen who will be lost by graduation are Roger Bailey, end; Jack Boone, tackle; Bobby DuBoise, tackle; Paul Bow, guard; Jimmy Floyd, guard; Gaston Walker, center; Wayne McLean, back, and Wayman Hicks will be lost via the age route. Returning lettermen will be Sidney Williams, end; Burl McCoy, end; Dudley Farr, end; Bobby Campbell, guard; Billy Harris, back; Brandon Wade, back; Donald Douglas, back; Willie Robertson, back; Mac Springer, back.

Although it appears that prospects are brighter for next fall than they were last September, Coach Benson faces the difficult task of locating a center, one guard and two tackles for next season's campaign.

In view of the fact that most of the clubs in the 6A West circuit are reportedly losing most of their regulars, it seems right now that the Badgers may be able to fare a little better next year.

Due to the return of five regulars from this year's District Championship eleven, the Rotan Yellowhammers have again been installed as pre-season favorites to cop the flag.

Mounted Highway Sign Erected by Lions Club

Mounted highway signs, with the Lions International emblem and meeting date of the Merkel club, Tuesdays, 12:30 p. m., have been placed at each side of town on the approach of Highway 80. Frank Breaux, delegated as a committee of one, attended to putting the signs into position.

Nov. 30 Deadline for Split Tax Payment

Attention is called by City Tax Collector W. M. Elliott to the deadline for split tax payments, which is Nov. 30.

During the month of November, a 2 per cent discount is allowed for 1948 city taxes, with 1 per cent for December.

Carillon Bells Gift To Methodist Church

Installation was completed Monday of the Carillon bells in the tower of the Methodist church, which were presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, in memory of Mrs. Brown's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. John Sears, well known pioneer ranch couple.

On a bronze plaque in the vestibule of the church, the donors have had inscribed in raised lettering: "The Carillon bells are dedicated to the high purpose of calling men and women to the worship of God and are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Sears, for the blessing of our community and churches. Lilley Pratt Sears Brown. William S. J. Brown, 1948."

The chimes, manufactured by the Schulmerich company, were sounded for the first time Monday evening at 6 o'clock and will be played daily at this same time. They can be used to broadcast organ and choir music.

Sam Butman Recalls Bank Deposit in 1882

When Sam Butman, Sr., pioneer Mulberry Canyon settler and head of the large Butman ranch domain, visited the opening of the First State bank in Abilene on Wednesday of last week, he met many old friends but probably there were not many of them or many residents of this area who could recall banking days as far back as 1882.

In reminiscent mood, he recounted his early experience with the Cur bank in Abilene in 1882, when he deposited \$300.00. Part of the money he had brought with him from Maine, (to pay his way back to Maine), and part he had earned working with sheep, and before he deposited it his private bank was a tin can in an old mesquite tree, in a woodpecker's hole.

Shortly after he deposited his money in the Cur bank, he had a call from the citizens of Merkel to borrow the money to build a school building and he decided to let them have the money. When he returned to Abilene, the banker, Mr. Cur, asked what he was going to do with the money, to which Mr. Butman replied that he was going to lend it to his friends in Merkel. Mr. Cur said ironically: "Lost, lost, lost." Shortly after that, Mr. Butman recalls that the Abilene bank failed, while the citizens paid off the building note.

His subsequent banking experiences with O. W. Steffen and later the F. & M. bank there in the early 1880's were all very satisfactory. Connected with the latter bank were Henry James, cashier, and Jim Cunningham, bookkeeper.

Slate Ellenburger Test South of Town

Location for a Taylor County wildcat which is to go to the Ellenburger unless commercial production is discovered at a lesser depth, has been made by West Central Drilling company.

The test, on permit for 5,500 feet with rotary, will be the No. 1 Jack K. Hogan-A, six miles south of Merkel.

On official gauge the Geochanical Surveys No. 1 W. T. Curb, extension well to the Gibson field, flowed 124.83 barrels of 38 gravity oil in 24 hours, at 2,782-88 feet.

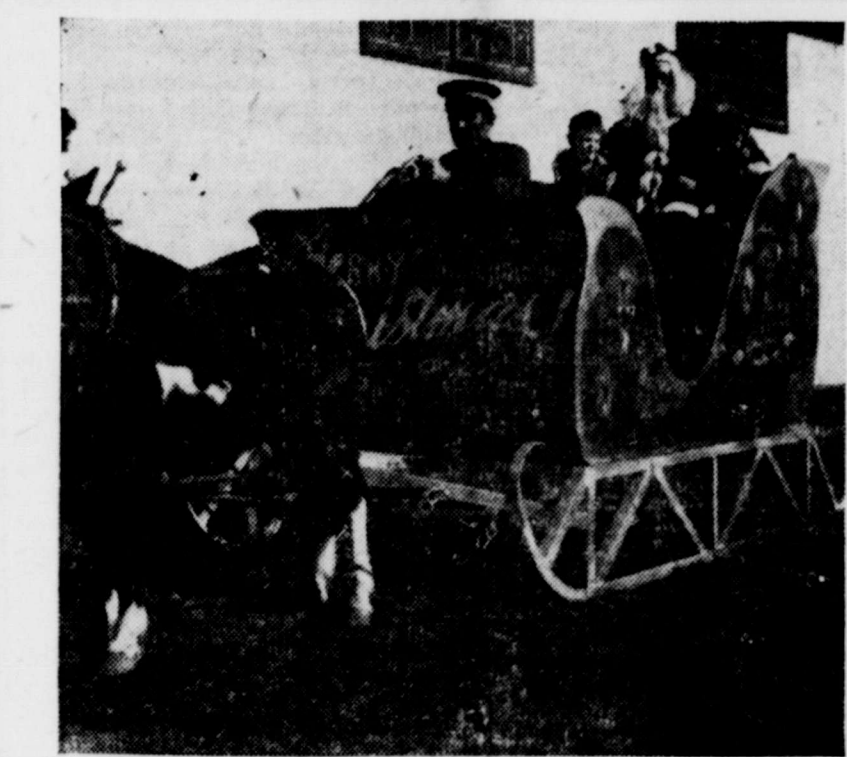
Drilling and Exploration Co., Inc., No. 1 S. D. Gamble, two miles west of town, was being plugged late Tuesday, at total depth of 3,850. No showing was found.

Two Big Spring Men Injured in Car Wreck

Roy Grandstaff, 53, and R. L. Lane, 38, both of Big Spring, who were injured about 5 a. m. Tuesday when their car turned over at the curve west of the Trent underpass, were reported getting along satisfactorily at Sadler hospital Wednesday morning.

George Fowler of Big Spring, third passenger in the car, who suffered lacerations and contusions, was released Tuesday morning after treatment.

Mr. Grandstaff sustained fracture of the right arm and injury to his back. Mr. Lane's right ankle was fractured. The former, who was driving the car, said that he was blinded by the lights of an oncoming car that caused him to run off the road and the car, a Chrysler sedan, hit loose gravel and turned over. They were brought to Merkel in a Barrow-Sheppard ambulance.



SANTA AND HIS SLEIGH—Old Santa Claus, who will be in town soon to mark the opening of the Christmas shopping season, is pictured above with some of his young friends, in the huge red, gold and silver sleigh in which he will appear on local streets. With him is one of his faithful Eskimoes, who drives the tiny team of eight Shetland ponies.

LIONS TO STAGE NEGRO MINSTREL

Lots of Burnt Cork Talent Turn Out For Rehearsals Now in Progress.

In Lions circles, the colorful negro minstrel to be staged next month as a benefit for the Community Center building fund is the sole topic of conversation. First rehearsal was held Sunday afternoon and a second one took place Tuesday night. The rehearsal events will be the order of the day for the next two weeks.

Dr. H. F. Byrd is general director, assisted by Riggs Shepperd, while the program committee with David Gamble as chairman and Fred Starbuck as co-worker with Shepperd are also putting their shoulders to the wheel.

With all the atmosphere of the minstrel show of the old days, the burnt cork artists as end men, soloists and chorus will offer a variety of skits, jokes, songs and dances.

Date and place are to be announced later.

Four Merkel Teachers To Attend Convention

Four teachers from Merkel will join nearly 15,000 fellow educators for the 70th annual convention of the Texas State Teachers association at Dallas Nov. 25, 26 and 27.

Nationally known school authorities will speak at the three general sessions of the convention and at a number of the sectional meetings. A total of 53 sectional sessions and 23 breakfasts, luncheons and dinners have been arranged. The special meetings will consider every phase of education of interest to Texas teachers.

Joe C. Humphrey of the Abilene high school is slated to be elected president of the association for 1949. The teachers from Merkel who will attend the convention are: Edwin Read, principal of the High school, Mrs. Evelyn Read, Mrs. Ellen McReynolds and Mrs. H. C. Reid. Mr. Reid is a delegate from the Oil Belt Teachers district to the house of delegates.

Nolan Palmer Opens Pontiac Salesroom

Another new business enterprise has been added to Merkel's growing commercial importance with the opening of the Palmer Motor company, Pontiac dealer, in their recently completed, modernistic salesroom, facing Highway 80, erected as an east extension of the building housing the Magnolia Service station, also owned by Nolan Palmer.

Three Nephews Visit Miss Mary Craddock

When three of the nephews of Miss Mary Craddock stopped over last Wednesday night for a short visit, it was the first time she had seen two of them in 25 years.

The visitors were Odis, Clarence and Buster Kelly, all of Santa Ana, Calif., who were returning home from Kilgore, where they had been to see their father, D. J. Kelly. While here they visited with their cousin, Mrs. R. R. Clark, and other relatives.

JOLLY OLD SANTA CLAUS SENDS WORD HE'LL PAY PRE-CHRISTMAS VISIT TO MERKEL KIDDIES SATURDAY, DEC. 4

Impressive Court of Honor for Boy Scouts

Troop 20 of the Chisholm Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, held a court of honor last Friday night in the Grammar School auditorium.

The ceremony began in total darkness. As candles were lighted, one at a time, the three points of the Scout oath and the twelve points of the Scout law were given by the scouts.

Scouts receiving their 2nd class ratings were: Jacky McAninch, Sessions Hammond, Bobby Mayfield, Jack Miller, Billy Greenfield, Geo. Albert Starbuck, Charley Beaird, Claude Smith, Richard Chaney, John Hammond and Charles Bowles.

Dale Doan and Billy Beaird received their 1st class ratings. Garth McLean and J. H. Gregory were received as tenderfoot scouts. Dale Dudley was the recipient of a merit badge in home repairs. Dwayne Mosely, who was absent, would have received his 2nd class rating, had he been present.

G. H. Suber, assistant Scoutmaster, who also was absent, would have received merit badges in angling, surveying, stamp collecting and electricity.

D. B. Bowen and Jay Greenfield, Lions Club Scout committeemen, James H. Chaney, Scoutmaster, and Fred Starbuck, whose help was greatly appreciated, presented the awards.

Jack Canon, Tom Coats Each Bring Back Buck

Returning from his annual deer hunt in the section 30 miles south of Junction, Mayor A. J. Canon brought back a 7-point buck. At last reports he was the only successful hunter out of the party of nine, but two of them, Homer and Brooks Patterson, remained in camp. Others in the group were M. B. Bell, C. K. Russell, Royce Dowdy, J. E. Woolbright of Quanah and W. E. Ellis and R. E. Allen, of Tyler.

Two more hunters, Tom Coats and his nephew, Jack Daniels, of Las Cruces, N. M., returned Sunday from the Juno country with two nice 8-point bucks.

Board of Education Buys School Bonds

On Nov. 8 the State Board of Education bought the entire \$300,000 bond issue recently voted by the Merkel Independent School district, paying a slight premium of \$27.77, according to Supt. R. A. McCollum. The interest rate for the first six years will be 2 3/4 per cent and for the other four years, 3 per cent.

Plans for the proposed combination lunch room and auditorium are ready now and contract will be let when funds from the sale of the bonds are available. The bonds are in the printers' hands now and delivery is expected around the first of December.

Riding in a Huge, Red, Gold and Silver Sleigh, Drawn By 8 Shetland Ponies, He'll Distribute Candy to Boys and Girls.

Santa Claus is going to pay an exciting pre-holiday visit to Merkel this year.

Of course, the jolly old St. Nick from the North Pole will make his customary Christmas Eve visit to fill the stockings of all good little boys and girls with the toys of their dreams, but he is also coming to town to greet the youngsters of this community and distribute candy on Saturday, Dec. 4.

Arrangements have been made by Doyle R. Seifried, secretary of the Lions club, for the pre-Christmas visit on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 3 p. m.

Santa will be riding in a huge red, gold and silver sleigh, drawn by a team of eight plumed and caparisoned miniature Shetland ponies, the cutest little fellows Merkel youngsters have ever seen.

Because Santa will be so busy greeting the kiddies and distributing candy to them, he has an assistant with him, who will drive his eight-pony team through the streets of the city.

Santa prefers his pony team for his pre-Christmas visit due to the vagaries of early December weather which are detrimental to his reindeer team, left at Des Moines, Iowa, until his return from the Southland.

Of course, Santa always uses his reindeer on Christmas Eve, because he does not tarry long enough in any one spot for his reindeer to find the unseasonably warm weather disagreeable.

But on this visit, Santa will spend at least an hour right here in Merkel and the kiddies will not only have an opportunity to get a good glimpse of the jolly old fellow, but will have an opportunity also to pet his cute miniature ponies.

Every youngster in this city's trade territory has a special invitation to be present for Santa's visit and is urged to bring Mother and Dad so they may see the great stocks of Christmas merchandise in show windows, on the counters and in the shelves of Merkel stores this Christmas season.

Additional Donors To Cemetery Fund

Donations to the maintenance fund of Ross Hill cemetery, not previously acknowledged, include:
Mrs. Amy Sears, Abilene \$10.00
Mrs. W. L. Whatley, Houston 5.00
Mrs. Winnie Cypert 1.00
Those wishing to do their part toward the upkeep of the cemetery may leave their donations with any of the tellers at the F. and M. bank, Bragg Dry Goods company or The Merkel Mail office.

Box and Pie Supper.
There will be a box and pie supper at the Shiloh Baptist church Monday night, Nov. 29. Proceeds are to be used for the Christmas tree.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, November 23, 1928.)

FORMER MERKEL BOY PROMOTED.
Reed Alsbrook is Named New Promotion Empire in the Winkler Oil Field.

Reed Alsbrook, who was reared in Merkel and graduated from the high school here, has been named as the new promotion empire in the Winkler oil field, press dispatches early this week revealed.

The announcement was gratifying news to a host of friends of the Alsbrook family here. The position given to the former Merkel school lad is considered one of the most important in Texas oil circles. He started in the business world as a telegraph operator, according to those who know him, later joining the ranks of railroad men, his last service in this line being at Paris, with the Texas and Pacific.

Mr. Alsbrook succeeds H. N. Padden, whose assistant he has been throughout the period of Winkler proration. Prior to his connection with this work he saw service with

a number of major companies in various departments.

Mr. Alsbrook still has interests in Merkel, the family estate owning some valuable farm land near town as well as other property inside the city limits. Friends in this section are delighted with the success of Reed Alsbrook in the business world.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. P. J. STEVENSON AT TRENT.
Funeral services were held at Trent Thursday afternoon for Mrs. P. J. Stevenson, who died at the home of her son, M. G. Scott of Trent, Monday night.

Services were held at the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. Watson and were attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends, testifying to the esteem in which the deceased was held. Out-of-town relatives attending the funeral were H. M. Scott, a brother, Lamesa, Texas, and two nephews, Price and Zant Scott, of Floydada, Texas.

Rev. D. J. Dodd, ill at his home, is much improved and able to sit up.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Vas Preston of Fort Worth is here visiting with her sister-in-law, Mrs. M. E. Winter. Mrs. Preston's surprised visit was the first time they had seen each other in twenty years.

Mrs. W. R. Carr is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Boules, in Jefferson.

Visitors Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard, were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard and two sons, Billy Mack and Rodney. of Big Spring. In the afternoon they visited with her aunt, Mrs. W. M. Elliott, and Mr. Elliott.

Mrs. Roy A. Bonds of Port Arthur visited recently with her sister, Mrs. John Oliver, and family and her brother, J. J. Nelson, and family.

Mrs. W. H. Hinds and daughter, Mrs. Charlie Kemper, and her daughter, Joyce, of Santa Fe, N. M., were week-end visitors with her sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren and family and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hill. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Meeks of Big Spring are down on vacation until the 30th, visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks and Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore, and other friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Essom and family, former residents of Herlong, Calif., are at present making their home in Merkel. Mr. Essom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Palmer, joined by Miss Dannie Beasley and Leslie Palmer of Abilene, went to Dallas last week-end for the SMU-Baylor football game.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church visited last week with his sister, Mrs. W. E. Davis, in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent left Tuesday for San Antonio, where they were to be joined by their grandson, Tommy Largent, student in Peacock, for a Thanksgiving visit with Mrs. Largent's sister, Mrs. C. J. Howerton, and Mr. Howerton, at Alamo. They were accompanied by Mrs. Earl Lassiter, who will visit a son and daughter at Austin and McAllen.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell and Mrs. Cynthia Hall visited last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Swafford and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neill, in Sweetwater, where they saw the Sweetwater-San Angelo game. The week before Mr. and Mrs. Billy Campbell of Midland visited here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell, and other visitors with the Campbells were Mr. and Mrs. Dub Warren and two children of Abilene.

Miss Bonnie Lucile Church, daughter of F. E. Church of this city, has returned to the States after 14 months in civil service in Japan. Mr. Church met her in Amarillo on Saturday, Nov. 13, and they spent that week-end with her sister, Mrs. A. Gerald McDonald, and Mr. McDonald, at Iraan, and Miss Church is now visiting with her other sister, Mrs. Noel Bryant at Wellington.

RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE CLUB.
Achievement Day was the occasion for an all-day meeting of the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club on Friday, Nov. 12, in the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark.

Mrs. Don Riney led the singing which opened the program at 10:30 a. m. Mrs. Denzel Cox read “Harvest Day,” a poem. Annie Lucy Lane, county home demonstration agent, gave a short talk which was followed by a covered dish luncheon.

Mrs. Cox presided at the business meeting beginning at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Riney, Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr., and Mrs. Rhett Eildson, Jr., of the Merkel club spoke. The group toured Mrs. Clark's recently remodeled house and viewed the display of articles made by club members. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 26 in the home of Mrs. Clyde Newton.

Visitors present were Mesdames Lige Harris, Sally Gant, Bernard Clark, Paxton Hays, Bill Hays, Gertrude Lee, L. P. Lyles, Tom McAninch and W. C. Lee.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.
The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met in the club house on Nov. 16 in a regular meeting, with the vice-president, Mrs. W. H. Ensminger, in charge.

After a singsong members read “The Club Woman's Collect” and answered roll call with “this and that.” Plans were made for the annual Christmas party to be held in the home of Mrs. A. L. Farmer, Dec. 14, at 2 o'clock. Secret pals will be revealed and there will be a Christmas program. Each member is asked to invite a prospective new member to the party.

Mrs. T. K. Whiteside served delicious pumpkin pie and hot cocoa to Mesdames Ford Butman, Frase Demere, W. H. Ensminger and Tom Russom.

Napoleon's journey from Elba to Paris in 21 days with his army still stands as a world record march.

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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 785 as compared with 816 on the previous Sunday. The attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 612.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Dr. Arthur Travis will fill the pulpit at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Training Union at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.
Reporter.

METHODIST CHURCH.
Church School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11. Youth Fellowship 6:30 p. m. Evening worship 7:00. WSCS Mondays, 3 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. Evening preaching services at 7 o'clock.
Tom Keenan, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Bible School 9:45 a. m. Sunday. Worship 10:50 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Young People's meeting 6:00 p. m. Midweek service Wednesday 7:00 p. m.
Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.
A. T. Suskey, Pastor.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Services Thursday 7:30 p. m.
H. S. Earp, Pastor.

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

Sunday Visitors in A. J. Pannell Home

Visitors Sunday in the A. J. Pannell home were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pannell, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Gant and son, Marvin, from Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook, Sgt. and Mrs. John W. Cook and daughters, Linda and Diane, from San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Miles Fox and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Gwyn Pannell and son from Abilene.

Callers in the afternoon were Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Healer and son, Marion and James, from Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere and daughter, Mrs. Joe Weston, Mrs. Ed Blackburn and Mrs. Bill Brown, all of Merkel.

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To Give Illustrated Lecture Tuesday Night

Next Tuesday evening, Nov. 30, at 7 o'clock, the Merkel Church of Christ will have Evangelist Cline R. Paden as speaker in a special service. Minister Paden is sponsored by the Crescent Hill Church of Christ, in Brownfield, and he plans to spend his life preaching the gospel in Italy. Last fall he and Minister Wm. C. Hatcher, sponsored by the Hays Avenue Church of Christ in Detroit, Mich., went to Italy to obtain the necessary information to start the work there. They spent about two months in Italy on this work, also taking moving pictures of conditions there. In the services here Tuesday night Mr. Paden will show these pictures after his lecture.

In January, 1949, about fourteen gospel workers are scheduled to leave this country for the Italian work, among whom will be Minister Paden and his wife. It is planned to establish a boys' home in Italy, along with preaching the gospel, and also other benevolent work among the needy, as supplies and support come from American Christians.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service next Tuesday evening.

Record of Births.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Butman, Thursday, Nov. 18, 1948.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Buntin, Friday, Nov. 19, 1948.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Mac Bigbee, Saturday, November 20, 1948.

Bake Sale.
The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Stith Methodist church will sponsor a bake sale (cakes and pies) on the street of Merkel, Dec. 4.
Snow falls in the tropics. But it changes to rain unless it falls on high peaks.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Suzanne Parks, 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 3rd day of January, A. D., 1949, 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 18th day of Nov., 1948.
The file number of said suit being

We Give Thanks

This month our nation observes Thanksgiving Day for the 327th time since that first Thanksgiving back in 1621. In our opinion, Thanksgiving grows in importance each year. We're thankful we are Americans living in America—the best place in the world to work, earn, save and enjoy life. We're thankful we can think what we like and say what we think. We're thankful for freedom, independence, and opportunity. . . with the reward for initiative that means continued progress. We're thankful for customers like you, for a community like we have here, and for—well, there's so much to be thankful for in our opinion one Thanksgiving Day is not enough. . . let's count every day as a day of Thanksgiving.

In observance of Thanksgiving, this bank will transact no business on Thursday, November 25th.

THE OLD RELIABLE

Farmers & Merchants National Bank
MERKEL, TEXAS

No. 16,031-A.
The names of the parties in said suit are: Paris B. Parks, Jr., as Plaintiff, and Suzanne Parks as Defendant.
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on February 26, 1944, and lived together until November, 1947.
No children were born to plaintiff and defendant and there is no community property to be adjudicated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.
If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this 18th day of November, A. D., 1948.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 18th day of Nov., A. D., 1948.
(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,
Dist. Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

Christmas Surprise
ELGIN WATCHES

Here are two of our smart new Lord and Lady Elgins.

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FRIDAY and SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26 and 27th

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Largest Herd Wins in California, Utah Shows

At both the Grand National Hereford show at San Francisco, Calif., and the Ogden, Utah, show, W. J. Largent and Son made strong showings.

In the former, their show string won 14 prizes, including four first places and a reserve championship with 10 head. In the junior bull class, largest of the show, their entries won first, second and fourth. The summer yearling bull was third. The senior yearling heifer was first and reserve champion of the show.

At Ogden, their winnings included three blue ribbons, three red, four third place ribbons and they also had the reserve champion bull. The top selling female of the auction, consigned by Largent and Son, brought \$2,475.

From Ogden, the Largent show string goes to Chicago for the International Live Stock show.

MOVIE CALENDAR

QUEEN

Friday - Saturday — Double feature program: Hoosier Hotshots, Sunshine Boys, Starlighters in "Song of Idaho" and Margaret O'Brien, Robert Preston, Edward Arnold, "Butch" Jenkins in "Big City;" color cartoon and serial.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — Loretta Young, William Holden, Robert Mitchum in "Rachel and the Stranger;" 2-reel featurette "Sunset in the Pacific" and color cartoon.

Wednesday-Thursday — Rosalind Russell, Leo Genn, Claire Trevor, Sydney Greenstreet in "The Velvet Touch;" special technicolor featurette "Calgary Stampede" and musical.

"RACHEL AND THE STRANGER"
An engaging romance of the Ohio wilderness a century and a half ago is developed in "Rachel and the Stranger." RKO Radio's starring vehicle for Loretta Young, William Holden and Robert Mitchum.

Holden has the role of the widowed pioneer settler who purchases and marries a bondswoman so that she will rear his motherless boy, and recent Academy Award winner, Miss Young, portrays the submissive bride who finds herself ignored by the husband and scorned by the son. But when Mitchum, in the part of a roving trapper and Indian scout, appears on the scene, his attentions to Miss Young arouse Holden's jealousy, and matters quickly approach a romantic crisis.

Julius Caesar obtained his knowledge of leap-year calculations from Egypt.

Iodine is now obtained chiefly from earth deposits in northern Chili.

Singsong Opener of Lions Club Meeting

Representing the National Leadership conference, with offices in Dallas, Henry Brandon, who was reared in Mulberry Canyon and is a brother of Mrs. Frazz Demere, discussed the need for a comprehensive book on the United Nations organization and explained briefly the book on "The United Nations Charter and The Statute of the International Court of Justice," by Grover Hart, member of the Texas bar, at last week's meeting of the Merkel Lions.

Preceding the luncheon, Doyle Seifried led a singsong, with Dr. H. F. Byrd as pianist. Invocation was given by Rev. Tom Keenan, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church. A report on the zone meeting last week at Hamlin was given by E. O. Carson. President Edwin Read and Fred Starbuck also attended this meeting.

The club voted to buy two \$5.00 health bonds from the County Tuberculosis association. It was also

voted to feed the football boys at the next luncheon, Dec. 7. Second meeting in December, which would be Dec. 21, will be omitted according to custom, because it falls in Christmas week.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
TO: Henry Kelly, Jr., 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 27th day of December, 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 8th day of Nov., 1948.
The file number of said suit being No. 16,022-A.
The names of the parties in said suit are: Zeola Kelly as Plaintiff, and Henry Kelly, Jr., as Defendant.
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married in the year 1932 and were separated in the year 1934. There were no children born to said marriage and there is no community property to be adjudicated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.

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

Issued this the 8th day of November, A. D., 1948.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 8th day of November, A. D., 1948.
(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: J. L. Woodall, 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 13th day of December, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.
Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 26th day of October, 1948.
The file number of said suit being No. 5914-B.



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The names of the parties in said suit are: Geneva Woodall as Plaintiff, and J. L. Woodall as Defendant.
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were lawfully married on or about the 12th day of August, 1947, and they separated on or about February 16th, 1948.
No children were born to this union and there is no community property to be divided.
Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment.

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

Issued this the 27th day of October, A. D., 1948.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 27th day of October, A. D., 1948.
(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Dorothy Smith, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Elmon Lewis, 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 13th day of December, 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 27th day of October, 1948.
The file number of said suit being No. 15,924-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Lizzie Lewis as Plaintiff, and Elmon Lewis as Defendant.
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on or about October 16, 1940, and they separated on or about August 2, 1948.

There were no children born to this marriage union and their property consists of household goods of little value and an automobile which belongs to plaintiff; said automobile being a 1941 Ford Sedan.
Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment and desertion.

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

Issued this the 27th day of October, A. D., 1948.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 27th day of October, A. D., 1948.
(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Dorothy Smith, Deputy.

Merkel Vets Present New Colors to Band

Between halves at the Merkel-Colorado City game, after the Pep Squad and band formations, new American and state flags were presented to the band by Merkel Post 5683, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Post Commander R. D. Ely was in charge of the ceremony wherein the United States flag was presented by Doyle Seifried to Jean Kemper, flag bearer, and the Texas flag, to Ann Booth, flag bearer, by Clyde Eager. The program was concluded with the band playing the national anthem.

Representing the Army were R. D. Ely, Doyle Seifried and Lester Dorton; the Navy, Clyde Eager, Waymon Adcock and James E. Bartlett, home on leave, and E. L. Tarpley, the Marines.

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May God's richest blessings rest upon all of you.
The Mundy family.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: James P. Hagens, 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 3rd day of January, A. D., 1949, 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 18th day of November, 1948. The file number of said suit being No. 16,030-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Birdie Hagens as Plaintiff, and James P. Hagens as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on April 17, 1948, and lived together until about the 1st day of September, 1948.

There were no children born to the marriage of plaintiff and defendant and there is no community property to be adjudicated. Plaintiff

sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.

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

Issued this the 18th day of November, A. D., 1948.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 18th day of November, A. D., 1948.

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The wedding of Ruby Rae Stevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stevens, 1225 Lowden, Abilene, and Billy Joe Toombs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey Toombs, was solemnized at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Rev. W. H. Jackson, Jr., of Fort Worth, read the single ring ceremony in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Shipman, 1841 South 11th. Mrs. Shipman is a cousin of the bride.

White and gold chrysanthemums and greenery banked an improvised altar in the Shipman home. Georgie Lee Williams, violinist, played "Always," preceding the ceremony and the traditional wedding music.

The bride wore an original model royal blue chiffon velvet. Her matching hat was adorned with a veil of the same shade and her corsage was of white gardenias. She carried a white Bible and a white lace handkerchief. Her only ornament was a locket, worn by her mother at her wedding.

Mrs. Jerry Mays of Midland, twin sister of the bride, was dressed identically like her sister. Her royal blue hat had no veil, however. She wore a corsage of pink carnations.

Glynn Johnson, classmate of the bridegroom at Texas Tech, was best man.

A reception followed in the Shipman home, with Mrs. Willie Joe Clark, sister of the bridegroom, at the registry. Mrs. Mays and Betty Huckelby served guests.

After a honeymoon trip to Dallas and Austin, the couple will be at home at 1541 North 3rd street, Abilene.

The bride was graduated from the Noodle high school and attended Hardin-Simmons university one year. Billy Joe was graduated from Merkel High school and Texas Technological college, Lubbock, in June, this year, with a major in animal husbandry. He teaches GI vocational agriculture at Trent.

MERKEL HD CLUB HOLDS ACHIEVEMENT DAY.

Forty women registered for the all-day meeting of the Merkel Home Demonstration club at the Community Center last Friday when members

of the Union Ridge and Bluebonnet Home Demonstration clubs and a number of other visitors were guests for the Achievement Day program of the Merkel group. A covered dish lunch was served at noon.

Miss Annie Lucy Lane, county HD agent, was present for this group meeting of Home Demonstration club women, and Mrs. Rhett Eidson, president of the Merkel club, presided.

Work of the club members for the past year was exhibited.

During the afternoon program, a group from the speech class of Mrs. Comer Haynes from the High school gave a varied program, with readings by Sue Mayfield, Lorece Bond, Larose Perry, Joy Lansford and Wilda Bowles, piano numbers by Sandra Sadler and Jane Hughes in vocal selections.

Interesting reports of the meeting of the Texas Home Demonstration association held recently in Temple, which they attended as delegates from the county council, were given by Mrs. Denzel Cox and Mrs. Wade Ensminger.

A recreation hour introducing several games preceded the afternoon program.

GARDEN CLUB.

Mrs. Geo. T. Moore opened her lovely home on Oak street to members of the Garden club on Thursday afternoon of last week. The entertaining rooms were profusely decorated with carnations, roses and chrysanthemums. Mrs. R. M. Ferguson, club president, introduced the following: Mrs. Glover Wright gave an interesting talk on "Bird Life" and Mrs. Jack Miller talked on "The Best Loved Trees of America."

The flower display this meeting was in the form of a Thanksgiving table setting: yellow mums and red carnations were arranged with colorful autumn leaves as a table center and the same colors were reflected in China used by Mrs. Moore and again in candles, completing the perfect Thanksgiving dinner table.

Plans for the Garden club to sponsor the Christmas lighting contest for yards and windows placed Mrs. Bowman Barlow, Mrs. Ben Robert Hicks and Mrs. Jack Miller in charge. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Carroll Benson on Dec. 2.

Those present were Mesdames Raymond Ferguson, Buck Leach, Jack Miller, Carroll Benson, Lu Petty, Clesby Patterson, Glover Wright, W. S. J. Brown, Ben Robert Hicks, Bowman Barlow, Dee Grimes, Tye Sullett, John Shannon and G. T. Moore.

WCSA MEETING.

Members of the Women's Society of Christian Service were delightfully entertained in the home of Mrs. Pinky Cypert on Monday afternoon, with Mrs. Andy Shouse co-hostess in entertaining.

Mrs. J. M. Collins presided for an interesting program on "Korea," which was given by Mrs. Clyde Richards, Mrs. Johnny Hammond and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown. Plans were made to entertain the Inter-Church council on next Monday afternoon at

the First Methodist church, after which decorated cookies and Coca Cola were served to Mesdames R. L. Butler, Ray Wilson, Jack Miller, Lu Petty, W. S. J. Brown, Johnny Hammond, Clyde Richards, Andy Shouse, J. M. Collins, Pinky Cypert and Miss Lottie Butman.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

The Willing Workers class of Grace Presbyterian church met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. R. A. Walker for a program on "Thanksgiving."

After the opening song, "Rock of Ages," the Scripture lesson from the first chapter of I Corinthians was brought by Mrs. W. T. Curb, and prayer was led by Mrs. G. F. West. Taking parts on the program were: "The Origin of Thanksgiving," by Mrs. L. L. Murray; "A Christmas Smile," by Mrs. W. M. Elliott; "Bear Ye One Another's Burdens," by Mrs. Walker. Scripture quotations by all and the Lord's prayer in unison closed the program.

Mrs. Walker, assisted by Mrs. Elliott, served a refreshment plate of pie, topped with whipped cream and pecans, and spiced tea to Mesdames S. A. Derstine, W. A. Wozencraft, S. G. Russell, W. T. Curb, G. F. West, L. L. Murray, W. M. Elliott and the hostess.

FRIENDSHIP COUPLES CLASS.

On Friday evening of last week the Friendship Couples class of Grace Presbyterian church was delightfully entertained with a party in the lovely home of Rev. and Mrs. Tom Keenan. Games of progressive "42" afforded diversion for the evening.

In making plans for the Christmas banquet the following committees were appointed: Food, Mrs. Leo Harris; decorations and program, Mrs. Tom Keenan and Mrs. Vincent Barnett.

Delicious refreshments of cheese canapes, cookies and cokes were served buffet-style by the hosts to Messrs. and Mesdames Vincent Bar-

nett, Bernard Clark, Glenn Abbott, Leo Harris, R. L. Elliott, Jr., Bill Teaff, Vernon Horton, Forrest Glenn Barnett, Weston West, Dub Derstine, Mrs. Andrew Baker and Mrs. Bowman Barlow.

BAPTIST CIRCLES.

The Floyd Hawkins Circle of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. Buck Leach to study "Baptist Medical Mission Frontiers," on Monday afternoon.

The devotional, "The Great Physician," (Luke 11:19-31) was brought by Mrs. Nim Teaff. Others taking part on the program were: "Life in American Outposts," by Mrs. Austin Petty; "Soap and Water in Nigeria," by Mrs. Jarrett Pinekey; "Behind the Bamboo Curtain," by Mrs. Don Riney; "China Fears Cancer, Too!" by Mrs. Dunning McConnell. Mrs. Ed Sandusky led the opening prayer. Refreshments of coffee and toast-rooms were served.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. J. S. Swan on Monday afternoon for a Circle program on the topic of "Missions." The opening prayer was given by Mrs. P. F. Harris and the devotional by Mrs. Clyde Bartlett. Those having parts on the program were Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mrs. H. R. Hicks. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Sam Swann.

The next regular meeting will be at the church on Monday Nov. 29, with a covered dish luncheon, dismissing in time to go to the Methodist church to hear a lady speak on the subject of "Australia."

Those present at Mrs. Swann's were Mesdames P. F. Harris, J. T. Booth, W. T. Sadler, Sam Swann and H. R. Hicks.

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Hospital Notes.

Mrs. Weldon McAninch entered Sadler hospital last Thursday for minor surgery. Patients received during the week for treatment were: Mrs. Rufus Parks of Abilene, Mrs. Troy Roland, Mrs. Lon Stephens, Nov. 18; J. R. Rives, Nov. 21; Jerry Don Wilburn, Nov. 23. Receiving tonsillectomies during the week were David Riney and Kay Wallace.

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