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HONOR ROLL FOR SIX WEEKS TERM LISTS 105 PUPILS

Names of All Pupils in Grammar and High Schools Who Have Attained Requirements of Scholarship and Attendance.

The following pupils, numbering 105, of the Merkel Public schools have for the six-weeks period just ended been neither tardy nor absent, have made 90 or more in deportment, have made not less than 75 on any subject and have made a general average of 90 or more:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Grade, Miss Russell.
Betty Jane Diltz, 90; Geraldine Teague, 90.

First Grade, Mrs. Teaff.
Librado Ybarro, 93; Edwin Renfro, 92; Billy Cox, 91; Sexto Rosas, 91.

Second Grade, Miss Pogue.
Robert Rodden, 94; Mary Jo Russell, 94; Billie Wood, 94; W. I. Wozencraft, 92; Don West Warren, 92; Wilma McAninch, 90.

Second Grade, Miss Curb.
Raymond Denny, 95; Richmond Buford, 92; Mary Nell Morgan, 92; Beatrice Bishop, 90; Lloyd Gilmore, Jr., 90; Pearl Mathews, 90.

Third Grade, Mrs. Anderson.
Dick West, 92; Wilma Jean Winslett, 92; W. J. Miller, 90; James Jay, 90.

Third Grade, Miss Heizer.
Jannel Black, 96; Leroy Denny, 92; Juan Duran, 92; Marvin Hunter, 91; Clyde Cribley, 90; Ben Robert Hicks, 90; Lucille Gilmore, 90.

Fourth Grade, Miss Williams.
Morris Wozencraft, 94; Lawrence Thorton, 91; De La Vergne Teague, 90; Jack Sublett, 90.

Fourth Grade, Miss Patterson.
Murphy Dye, 95; Junior Grimes, 95; Billie Dunning, 94; Wayman Adcock, 93; Bud Gambill, 93; William Hawkins, 93; Davis Beasley, 90.

Fifth Grade, Miss Hayes.
Harold Morgan, 95; Louise Toombs, 95; Mollie Frank Touchstone, 95; Arnie Love Toombs, 94; Herschel Winslett, 93; Murry Toombs, 90; Thelma Patterson, 90; Aliene Parks, 90.

Fifth Grade, Mrs. Melvin S. Davis.
Juanita Huskey, 97; Mabel Maddox, 95; Ora Derrick, 93; Horace Boney, 91; Coehne Morrison, 90.

Sixth Grade, Miss McDonald.
Irene Salter, 92; Robbie Walker, 92; Jackie Salter, 91; Ina Ruth Brown, 90; Fern Toombs, 90; Alice Russell, 90; Lois Perkins, 90; A. C. Sears, 90; J. V. Patterson, 90.

Sixth Grade, Miss Rodden.
Clara Frances Largent, 94; Aline McAninch, 93; Billy Bernice Gambill, 92; Jessie Margaret Berry, 91; Mary Helen Lancaster, 91; Thelma Mathews, 91.

Seventh Grade, Mr. Duke.
Wilma Gardner, 95; Waldierine Huskey, 95; Clifford Blumberg, 90; Ruth Davis, 90; J. R. Graham, 90; Howard Carson, 90.

Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett.
Lois Whiteley, 94; Caribel Mansfield, 94; Mabel Morton, 92.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Eighth Grade
Opal Huskey, 94; Florence Rider, 94; Imogene Middleton, 93; Mardelle

Entry Blank LIONS HOME AND LAWN BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST Merkel, Texas

Please enter my name in the class checked.

Improving and beautifying the home grounds by proper planting of trees, shrubs, flowers, etc., better kept yards, and cleaner alleys and streets.

Class 1—Those who own their homes.

Class 2—Those who rent their homes.

Name _____

Address _____

Mail to
Mrs. Sam Swann, Chairman,
Home and Lawn Beautification
Contest,
Merkel, Texas.

Funeral Rites Held Tuesday for Comper Resident, Aged 82

With the pastor, Rev. J. T. Bryant, officiating, funeral services were held for "Uncle" Jacob Foster, age 82, at the Baptist church at Comper Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Foster succumbed to a heart attack and other complications at his home in Comper Tuesday morning at 2:40. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery here. Pall bearers were Sim Alred, Charley Childers, Walter Clemens, Frank Terry, R. T. Horton and George Smith.

Jacob Foster was born Dec. 26, 1847, in Washington county, Ill. He came to Texas in 1877, settling in Johnson county, near Alvarado. Returning to his native state in 1882, he was married to Miss Mary Breeze of Marion county Ill., on the tenth day of December, 1885. Returning to his Johnson county home with his bride in 1886, he lived there until 1910 when he moved to Jones county, where he has since made his home near Comper.

To the union were born four sons, Alva L. of Venus, Earl R., Henry and Clarence M., all of whom were at his bedside when he passed away. Also surviving him, besides his wife and these four sons are nine grandchildren, one nephew and one niece, who were also present in his last hours.

"Uncle Jake," as he was known to everyone, numbered his friends by his acquaintances, as he was a friend to everybody and was loved by all who knew him. His passing away is mourned by the entire community, which has lost a valuable citizen, and in his passing the family has lost a faithful husband and father.

P. L. Frederickson Improving.

Thursday afternoon, the condition of P. L. Frederickson, who was shot Monday afternoon, March 3, and was carried to the Merkel Sanitarium, was considered much improved. He will be required, however, to remain at the sanitarium several weeks yet before being able to be removed to his home.

PLANS OUTLINED FOR CITY CONTEST DESIGNED TO ADD BEAUTY TO MERKEL LAWNS

Details of the proposed Home and Lawn Beautification contest, which is to be sponsored by the Merkel Lions club, were outlined by the committee at the Tuesday luncheon and this committee was authorized to enlist aid of a similar ladies' committee to cooperate in the conduct of the contest. This committee of ladies, consisting of Mrs. Sam Swann, chairman, and Mesdames A. T. Sheppard and Chas. H. Jones, will act jointly with the committee from the Lions, C. J. Glover, Jr., Rev. R. A. Walker and Supt. Burgess. As will be seen from the application blank, printed elsewhere in this issue of the paper, those desiring to enter are requested to mail their applications to Mrs. Sam Swann, chairman.

While it is desired that everyone contemplating entering the contest in either of the classes should register their name at once, or at least before May 1, the rule along this line is not strict, and just so the name is in hand

before the time of judging anyone desiring to do so may enter at a later date.

It is proposed to have two classes of entrants: those who own their own homes and those who rent.

SILVER CUP OFFERED.

One prize, open to all, is a silver cup, offered by the Merkel Mail, for the most beautiful yard, including lawn, front and rear premises and flower garden. The home premises will be judged as a whole in making this award.

This cup is not to be permanently owned until it is won for three years by the same party, but will remain in possession of the successful contestant for the year of the award.

First and second prizes, consisting of shrubs, plants and yard flowers, garden tools, lawn furnishings, etc., as well as prizes by local merchants, will be offered to the winner in each of the two classes mentioned for the year of the award.
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USUAL BIG CROWD HERE FOR FOURTH "COW DAY" EVENT

For Merkel's fourth "Cow Day," which event took place at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, another large crowd was present in town and the popularity of the sales plan seems to grow with each occasion.

The Merkel Booster band under the direction of G. A. Hartman was on the streets and rendered several lively numbers preceding the sale and during the progress of the program.

Booth Warren, as master of ceremonies from the Lions club, was assisted by Dr. H. P. Hulsey, M. H. Jenkins and B. T. Sublett.

As is well known, on "Cow Day" a Jersey cow, a registered sow and a pen of chickens are each sold for \$1.00 by the Merkel Lions club in cooperation with the merchants of this city. Mrs. A. H. Barnes bought the cow, L. E. Bell of Noodle bought the sow and Carl Carey, who resides on Route 2 out of Trent, bought the pen of chickens.

Next "Cow Day" will be announced in the Merkel Mail, but it was announced Wednesday that it is intended to have these sales every month during the year.

Mary Lou Shive Just Arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell have received the happy news of the birth of a granddaughter, the parents being Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Shive, Big Spring. The latter was Christine Russell. The little lady, born Monday, March 10, weighs eight pounds and has been named Mary Lou after both her grandmothers.

MINSTREL SHOW REVEALS TALENT IN BURNT CORK

Local Entertainers Shine Behind Black-face; Splendid Program Provided by Lions Jubilee Under Direction of Doc Holland.

Down through the years from the days when Lew Dockstader, George Primrose and Al Field delighted old-timers, followed by Neil O'Brien, Eddie Ross, "Honey Boy" Evans and "Lasses" White of the later minstrel ascendancy, the familiar black-face minstrel show has been the favorite style of entertainment—the universal language, as it were.

The Big Jubilee Minstrel show, sponsored by the Merkel Lions club and featuring several Lions in stellar positions and staged at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday of this week, proved true to its antecedent and a house full of delighted customers greeted and warmly applauded the various singers,ancers, monologists and comedians, supported by a bevy of our girls, in their initial performance Wednesday night. Several changes from and addition to the program were promised for Thursday night.

As the first part, "In Minstrel Land," opened, it revealed the familiar circle, with its black faces, notably high standing collars, brilliant red costumes and trimmings, and there seated in the midst was our own Rufus
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KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

I. Friedlander of Houston was elected president of the Southwestern States Building and Loan association at its session just concluded in New Orleans.

Miss Janet Eastman of Fort Worth, entered as "Miss Texas," was selected as "America's Sweetheart" at the first annual bathing beauty pageant held at Miami.

Found guilty of the murder of Prohibition Agent Charles Stevens last September, Joe Mobrecht, San Antonio, was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary.

The first work train on the Santa Fe branch from San Angelo to Sonora pulled into Eldorado Monday and laying of rails is progressing about one mile per day.

The Texas supreme court will hear State Senator Tom. B. Love's suit to force the state democratic executive committee to put his name on the primary ballot on April 9.

Borger gave a birthday party Monday in celebration of its fourth anniversary, with the American Legion in charge of the program of parades, speech-making, dinner and dance.

May 16 was set Tuesday by Governor Moody as the new execution date for E. V. Allen, Carbon bank robber, whose sanity hearing at Eastland is pending but who was to have been put to death today.

The man found dead in a cave in southern Brewster county last December has been identified as B. B. Williams, formerly of San Antonio, by relatives who returned the body to San Antonio for burial.

A parachute jump from a disabled plane saved the life of Robert Duell at Love Field, Dallas, Sunday, when his machine went into a spin at the 500-foot level and was wrecked when it crashed to the ground.

Two of the oldest banking institutions in Texas, Hutchings, Sealy & Co., and the South Texas National bank at Galveston, will be merged, effective April 7, the new bank to be known as the South Texas National bank.

L. C. Roper, engineer for the Wichita Valley and Gulf railway, and S. B. Jones, shop foreman, died at Eastland Wednesday as the result of burns sustained when an explosion occurred while the men were firing an engine.

A new unit under construction with a 1,250,000-bushel storage capacity by the Wichita Mill and Elevator company, will bring the total storage capacity of that plant to 1,850,000 bushels, the largest maintained by any flour mill in Texas.

Charles M. Campbell, president of the City National bank, Temple, the man who had A. B. Crouch trailed across the world to New Zealand and brought back to Temple to answer charges of forgery, died suddenly Monday of heart failure.

Former Congressman James Young of Kaufman, after a conference with political friends at Austin, announced that he will open his campaign for governor in about ten days, one of his planks being a revision of taxes so that natural resources will bear a greater share.

NOTED AMERICAN DIES PEACEFULLY

Former President and Chief Justice William H. Taft Succumbs Late Saturday.

Washington, March 13.—William Howard Taft, 72, former president and former chief justice, died at his home here late Saturday afternoon. He passed peacefully from life, unconscious, after weeks of illness. A stroke from hardening of the arteries preceded death by a half hour.

At the point of death for many days, suffering hopelessly from a combination of ailments, Mr. Taft surprised physicians by the vitality of his last hours. But at 4:45 Saturday afternoon a sudden stroke, while he was alone except for his nurse, heralded the end.

Fifteen minutes later Dr. H. G. Fuller reached the bedside, but turned away with a shake of the head. Mrs. Taft, summoned from another room, took up her station near at hand for the last vigil. At 5:15 o'clock death snuffed out at last the flickering flame.

The only daughter, Mrs. Helen Taft Manning, was away for a short automobile ride when death occurred. The two sons, Hobert and Charles, both of Cincinnati, had left Washington after spending several days at their father's bedside.

The official bulletin issued by Mr. Taft's chief physician said: "The former chief justice died at 5:15 p. m. A sudden change in his condition occurred at 4:45 p. m., from which he failed to rally."

SKETCH OF HIS CAREER.

This remarkable man was born in Cincinnati, Sept. 15, 1857, the son of Alphonso Taft, whose distinguished career included the secretaryship of war, a post his son was later to hold. He prepared himself for his life's work in the public schools of Cincinnati, Yale university and the Cincinnati Law school.

But for chance, Taft might have become a newspaper man, like his brother, the late Charles P. Taft, whose recent death hastened the breakdown of the chief justice. He began earning a living as law reporter on the Cincinnati Times. He had a bent in that direction and after his retirement as president he was an associate editor of the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

His first public office was assistant prosecuting attorney of Hamilton, Ohio. He became assistant county solicitor, judge of the superior court, solicitor general of the United States, United States circuit judge and entered national affairs as president of the Philippine commission in 1900.

Taft was the first civil war governor of the Philippines and entered Roosevelt's cabinet as secretary of war in 1904. During his incumbency, construction of the Panama canal was begun.

PRESIDENT ONE TERM.

At the dictation of his friend and admirer, Roosevelt, Taft was nominated and elected president on the republican ticket in 1908, defeating William Jennings Bryan on his third attempt for the White House. The
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TOWN DOCTOR "DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

The Curse of Any Conviction Lies In Not Having Enough of It.

I talked to a man the other day who said he was convinced that his was a good town, and that he had faith in it, but he was not enthusiastic about it. A case pure and simple where the "curse of the conviction" was in not having enough of it.

That is true with many people. Ask them what they think about the place where they live and they are of this opinion, and they guess something else, and like this man, are convinced of something, but they play around, dabbling their feet in the edge of the water, so to speak, instead of diving in.

Faith in a Community is a fine thing, and "faith" they say, "can move mountains;" but I like very much what Dr. Crane said about it. He said, "the only faith that could move a mountain (and I add even an ant-hill) is the faith that uses dynamite along with it."

I asked this man if he was in love with his town. He deliberately laughed at me and then said "Love is blind." That being the case I know many, many towns where most of the people must be head over heels in love with their community, for they are blind as the proverbial bat to its advantages; things that are actually driving business and people out of their town are staring them square in the face, but they do not see them.

There are many people, and perhaps you are one of them, who say there often is too much enthusiasm in community affairs—people get all excited over some particular thing, a new factory or booster campaign as an example, and that is all that ever comes of it. Everybody gets "all hot up," makes a big fuss and lot of noise but that's all it ever amounts to.

Well, that often happens; but it isn't because of too much enthusiasm—it is just inability to control it.

That is natural—the desire to make a splash when you jump in the puddle is second nature with all of us, and it is legitimate, too.

The trouble usually is due to the fact that a few people, who really down deep in their hearts want to do something for the town, get an idea (and everything has to start with an idea, you know,) and it looks like a good thing. They start to put it over, have a public meeting or two and the papers, always willing and ready to do their part, give it a lot of space and you and everybody knows about it.

Then you say something to your neighbor, friend or fellow-worker about it. It looks o. k. to you and you say "what do you think about what these fellows are going to do?" and the other fellow says "there is nothing to it" or "it's a graft for those fellows to put something over," or "it's just a stunt for the birds that are selling it to make a lot of 'jack' out of it."

That cools you down. You see your conviction was good but you did not have enough of it to come back and say "what's the matter, you're sore cause you're not in on it and can't run it?" or "of course they are going to get something out of it, what do you suppose they are doing it for?; but I will get something out of it, too, and so will you IF it goes over, but I will have nothing more than I've got now if it doesn't."

Now if there are enough cases where folks who are at first convinced, but not enough so to stay convinced in the face of a few knockers who crab everything regardless, or by remarks of those who do not stop to think, then these fellows who really wanted to do something, but cannot do it all themselves, get discouraged because you won't get behind and push the thing along; and when that happens the whole thing, no matter how good it was in the beginning, falls through.

So you see Merkel is somewhat like a flivver. Somebody has to turn on the switch and step on the starter. Then if there is gas in the tank, and you furnish the spark of enthusiasm when the spark is needed, the little old buggy will keep rolling along, going places with you a comfortable passenger.

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MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail March 18, 1910.)

C. M. Largent takes herd of his famous Herefords to exhibit at Stock Show.

Mayor W. W. Wheeler designates March 21, 1910, as Clean-Up Week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bigham and Miss Willie Bigham left Monday for the Stock Show.

Don't throw away your broken side combs and barretts. I can repair them.—S. S. Schiedler.

Cashier T. A. Johnson and son, Master Marion, were in Abilene on business Saturday.

Miss Allie Jennings was the guest of Mrs. W. A. Sewell of Abilene this week.

Mrs. Vol Martin and Miss Mandy Curtis visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith on the Curtis farm Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Daniel were visitors in Fort Worth this week, returning in a handsome new Mitchell touring car purchased while in the Panther City.

Local teachers appearing on Institute program are: Miss Agnie Clack, J. B. Shannon, Miss E. Love Hawkins, E. W. Hudgins, E. V. White, J. N. Routh, R. L. Adcock, Mrs. Jeffie Hibbets and Miss Della Sutphen.

Among those attending the Stock Show are Ed and John Wheeler, John Sears, T. J. Coggin, J. T. Warren, R. H. Collins, John and Arthur Sears, W. R. Russell, R. E. Teaff, L. E. Sanders, M. C. Herod and many others.

Kodak films at the Olympia Confectionery.

Austin Fitts and Arthur Sears make eloquent addresses to Fire Boys on subject of "How to Fight—Anything" at banquet Monday night.

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CHURCHES

REV. J. W. JOYNER, EVANGELIST, SELECTED TO HOLD UNION REVIVAL, BEGINNING MARCH 30.

The fifth Sunday in this month, March 30, has been set for the beginning of the union revival, sponsored by the men engaged in weekly prayer services for the past six months. Rev. J. W. Joyner, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Forreton, and an evangelist who has held revival meetings here twice before, will be in charge of the services. E. Yates Brown will lead the singing. The church at which the services will be held is to be announced later.

The men's prayer service last Sunday was largely attended, indicating growing interest in the movement and a widening of the influence of the meetings. Carl Bacus led the service last Sunday at the Presbyterian church. Next Sunday the meeting is to be held at the Methodist church, with A. D. Fulton as the leader. The subject is the 18th chapter of Matthews.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
With an attendance of 256 the Methodist Sunday School led in the tabulation of number present last Sunday. The total at all five of the reporting Sunday Schools was 713. Attendance at the other Sunday Schools was Baptist, 250; Church of Christ, 95; Presbyterian, 85, and Nazarene, 27.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Invite somebody, not in a Sunday School elsewhere, to attend with you. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Visitors always welcome. Let's begin now in earnest prayer and work for the union revival that will begin the fifth Sunday in this month.
W. M. Elliott, Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.
All the regular services will be conducted at the usual hour. Don't forget to study the 13th Chapter of Acts for our Bible lesson next Wednesday night and meet with us for that service at 7:30 p. m. Rev. S. W. Buzbee, who has charge of these services, is bringing us some good lessons and often puts us to studying about certain things. We usually have about 25 out at these services but let's try to double that number—sure we can.
Rev. J. F. Hendrix will fill the pulpit next Sunday morning. Come hear this spirit-filled man of God. The pastor will preach Sunday night.
Your soul needs food, air and exercise as much as your body. Why starve your soul? Go to church Sunday. A welcome for all.
Leona Forbes, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
One of the two ordinances of the church is the Lord's Supper, and no one can understand the meaning of it too well. Next Lord's day the morning sermon will be devoted to this important subject, and we wish every member would be present at that hour.
We are still studying the life of Christ for our night sermons, and for the next sermon we will have, "Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead." We are glad to see such interest taken in these night sermons. Every Christian should be interested enough in saving souls to attend night services if it is possible for him to do so. "And let not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Gal. 6:9)
J. G. Malphurs, Minister.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.
All services at the Methodist church next Sunday and next week as usual. Sunday School meets promptly at 9:45 A. class and a welcome for everybody. Come to Sunday School and stay for church. Epworth High League meets at 2:00 p. m., Juniors at 6:00 p. m., and the Seniors at 6:30 p. m. The pastor will be in his pulpit at both hours A message and a welcome at the Methodist church.
T. C. Willett, Pastor.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.
Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the Baptist church at Brady, will fill the pulpit both morning and evening here by the pulpit committee and all the members of the church are urged to attend these services.
All the other usual services for the day and week at the usual hours.

SENIOR LEAGUE.
Last Monday night the officers of the Senior league made many interesting plans for each Sunday during March.
Next Sunday Rev. Willett is to present the Christian stewardship covenant to the church and to the

ing leaguers let's all be present at this service at 6:30 Sunday evening.
Next Friday night a combined business and social meeting will be given at the home of Miss Dahlia Watkins. All Senior leaguers are urged to come (at 7:30) because the business meeting is important and the social sounds interesting.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.
The Junior league meets at 6 p. m. The following is the program:
Song.
Scripture.
Prayer.
Talks by Juniors:
Soldiers in the United States, by Fern Toombs.
Soldiers in Christ, by J. V. Patterson.

An example of faithfulness, by Mollie Frank Touchstone.
True to death, by Wilbur Willett.
Benediction.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.
Subject—"Look and live."
Introduction, Fannie Bell Boaz.
Scripture reading.
Conditions of salvation, Ida Mae Derstine.
Repentance defined, Mary Collins.
Faith defined, Addie Williams.
Look and live, Nim Teaff.
Two elements in faith, Himalaya Swafford.
Faith and acceptance, Paul Collins.
Great quotations on repentance and faith, Mrs. Tom Cooper.

Honor Roll Lists 105 for This Term

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Shous, 92; James West, 92; Howard Stanley, 91; Hassettine Farris, 90; Margaret Miller, 90.
Ninth Grade.
Sela Patterson, 94; Margaret Cannon, 92; Aura Ely, 91; Ouida Mae Hulse, 90; Kathleen Mashburn, 90.
Tenth Grade.
Elvis Richardson, 95; Audrey Farris, 93; Velma Lee Holden, 93; Alvin Parrack, 93; Elsie Lassiter, 91; Thelma McAninch, 91; Ola Smith, 91; Lois Clark, 90; Benjamin Sheppard, 90.
Eleventh Grade.
Lucile Cole, 95; Odell Hunter, 94; Beryl Hunter, 94; Pauline Toombs, 92; Dorice Brown, 90; Marcella Pickley, 90; Nadine Tippet, 90.

WTU Co. Substation for City of Estelline

Abilene, Texas, March 13.—Construction of a 28 mile transmission line between Estelline and Turkey will begin within the next three weeks and, at the same time, a 66 Kv substation will be erected at Estelline, it was announced by the engineering department of the West Texas Utilities company.

The Estelline to Turkey transmission line, 28 miles long, will be a 66,000 volt line built of 29 ft. H frame poles and will include one mile of double overhead ground wire on each end of the line. The steady, yet practical growth of Quitaque, Turkey, Gasoline, Flomont and other towns in this section has made it necessary to build this transmission line as well as other lines in this section in order to provide adequate service for this area's present and expected population.
Simultaneous with the above construction, work will begin on the building of a 66,000 volt substation at Estelline. This substation will house three 250 Kva transformers and a 66 Kv automatic reclosing oil circuit breakers. In addition, buses, supports, controls and a 66 Kv oxide film arrester will be installed. The necessary steel fencing to comply with safety rules will be built around the substation. This substation will replace the present 33 Kv sub which is becoming inadequate to the increasing demands for electric current.

CARD OF THANKS.
We wish to express our sincere thanks to all of the friends that were so kind and helped so faithfully in administering to the needs and comfort in the suffering of our husband, father and other relatives of Jacob Foster. And may God's blessing be upon each and every one of us wish.
Mrs. Mary Foster.
Alva L. Foster.
Earl R. Foster and Family.
Henry Foster and Family.
Clarence M. Foster and Family.
Mrs. A. N. McKinney, Brownwood.
A. E. Foster, Venus.

Theodore Roosevelt was the youngest President, being 43 when he took the office.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.



SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY.
Miss Vivian Berger complimented Miss Fannie Belle Boaz on last Friday evening at her home in Noodle Dome as a birthday hospitality. Bridge games and dancing furnished happy diversion for the evening.
Delicious punch and cake were served at the refreshment hour to Misses Fannie Belle Boaz, Mattie Lou Largent, Verna Tee Beasley, Doris Brown, Mary Collins, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Vivian Merger, Messrs. Keel, Charlie Largent, Clyde Mayfield, Orion Tittle, Horace Edwards, J. D. Ashby, Fred Guitar and Glenn Elliott.

SAINT PATRICK PARTIES.
Mrs. L. B. Howard informally entertained a number of friends at 42 games two afternoons last week. Saint Patrick's Day game appointments added attractiveness to the tables and at the refreshment hour dainty sandwiches, ices, fruit cake and olives were served.
Wednesday's guest list included Mesdames Dee Grimes, Booth Warren, W. L. Diltz, Jr., John West, Henry West, Yates Brown and L. B. Scott.
Thursday's guest list included Mesdames Earl Lassiter, Sam Swann, A. R. Booth, W. J. Largent, C. B. Gardner, Jud Sheppard and the hostess.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS AND FRIENDS MEET.
Tuesday afternoon Mrs. James Patterson was hostess to the Willing Workers class and friends. An interesting program was given by members of the class. The social hour was spent in arranging the quilt which had been pieced by the ladies of the church and special friends which was appreciated. These quilts will be sent to the Reynolds Presbyterian Orphans home.
A delicious course of cream and cake was served by Mrs. Patterson to the following guests: Mesdames W. D. Butler, G. F. West, Ansel Coats, L. L. Murray, J. H. Witcher, C. B. Blumburg, W. M. Elliott, J. L. Tucker, T. C. Evans of Abilene, R. A. Walker, Blanch Tucker, S. A. Derstine, A. M. Dardy, T. M. Smith, Misses Lizzie Kenny, Mary Kenny, Dora Garoutte, and the hostess.

HAPPY HOBOS.
Miss Elizabeth Duncan Briggs entertained the "Happy Hobos" with a Saint Patrick's party at her home Saturday night. House decorations, tallies and other details bore out the green color note of the occasion. Progressive dominoes afforded diversion for the evening, after which the Irish jokes were enjoyed by all present. Jack Patterson was awarded the green derby for telling the best Irish joke and Mildred Richardson for the girls.
The hostess, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Duncan Briggs, and Mrs. J. S. Bourne, served a refreshment plate of sandwiches, potato chips, green all-day suckers and mints and green lemonade, with the clover leaf as plate favors, to Misses Marie Stanford, Joyce Wheeler, Mildred Richardson, Ola May Hartman, Imogene Middleton and the hostess, Messrs. Jack Patterson, Ford Smith, Cullen Tittle, Bussy Boaz, Cecil Clark and Clarence Hartman.

BAPTIST JUNIORS ENJOY SOCIAL (A BOOK REVIEW.)
Sixty Junior girls enjoyed a social last Friday evening at 7:30 in the basement of the Baptist church. As each guest entered she registered by writing a compliment on some one in the department and this book was read aloud later in the evening.
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The judges will be selected from out of town, if possible, but their names will not be disclosed until after the close of the contest.
The judging will begin July 1.
GEORGE WOODRUM TOASTMASTER.
George Woodrum was toastmaster at the Lions meeting. The club singing was led by E. Yates Brown, with Mrs. Brown at the piano, and the invocation was delivered by Rev. R. A. Walker. Special music numbers were rendered by a talented orchestra of young musicians: Miss Nadine Tippet pianist; Herbert Hartman, trombone; Lynn McSpadden, violin, and Cecil Clark, clarinet.
Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning was elected as a new member, being proposed by Booth Warren, chairman of the membership committee, which has lived up to its goal of "one new member each week."

On motion of Dee Grimes, Mrs. E. Yates Brown was elected as an honorary member of the club.
E. T. Sublett is to be toastmaster for the next meeting.

Cattle Movement.
Baker and Collins shipped a car of mixed cattle to Fort Worth Tuesday, which was the only activity in cattle circles here this week.

Argyle Congregational Church at Bath, is the first church in England to have radio installed, and the building will be open daily for those who wish to hear the services broadcast from Daventry.

Switzerland was the very first republic.

Dunnam Bros.

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Bananas	nice fruit, per doz.	21c	Rice	bulk, 3 lbs. for	22c
Carrots	nice bunches	7c	Rice	Comet, 2 lb. package for	20c
Lettuce	nice, hard heads	7c	Pickles	dill, No. 2 1-2 cans	34c
Spuds	ten lbs. for	43c	Gallon Fruit	any kind	63c
Yams	per lb.	4c	Blackberries	East Texas, No. 2 cans	15c
Spinach	nice, fresh, per lb.	6c	Peas	White Cloud, No. 2 cans, 2	25c
Coffee	Morning Joy, 3 lb. bucket	\$1.32	Candy	mixed, per lb.	

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)
 For Congress, 17th district:
 R. Q. LEE, (Re-election.)
 For District Attorney 42nd district:
 J. R. (Bob) BLACK, (Re-election.)
 or Sheriff:
 H. T. O'BAR, (Re-election.)
 C. R. (Chas.) WALDROP.
 N. L. SEALE.
 For County Clerk:
 W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)
 For County Treasurer:
 AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)
 For Tax Collector:
 EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.)
 For Tax Assessor:
 J. T. HOWARD, (Re-election.)
 H. F. LONG.
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 WILEY L. CAFFEY.
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 M. A. WILLIAMS.
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 HOUSTON ROBERTSON.

Merkel Odd Fellow To Extend Welcome

Local committees in Abilene in charge of arrangements for the annual convention of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, which convenes there for three days, beginning next Monday, are planning to entertain 4,000 visitors.

This will be the ninetieth session of the grand lodge and the thirty-sixth session of the Rebekah assembly.

Rev. R. A. Walker of this city will attend the address of welcome from Odd Fellows Monday morning. The response to all welcomes will be made by Barry Miller, grand master, present lieutenant-governor and a candidate for governor.

The three-day program will include a series of keynote addresses to be delivered by past grand masters of the grand lodge of Texas, I. O. O. F. Charles A. Brachfield of Henderson, now grand representative of the grand lodge, will speak on Monday, using as his subject "A Call to Service." J. D. Buster of Sherman, grand master in 1928, will speak Tuesday, and C. A. Wheeler of Austin, grand master of 1927, will deliver the key address Wednesday.

A large number of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will attend from here. W. R. Cox is the delegate from the Merkel body, with J. D. Porter as alternate.

Merit Badges Awarded To Four Local Scouts

Twenty-eight merit awards and advancements in rank were granted to four members of the two Merkel troops, Nos. 20 and 66, at a court of honor held at the Methodist church last Friday night. Herbert Patterson and the Rev. R. A. Walker, local scoutmasters, were assisted in conducting the court by A. E. James, Clyde Deavers, E. O. Carson, Z. V. Moore, W. J. Sheppard, Ova Wheeler and Estel Janner, local troop committeemen.

Five members of the scout troop at Blair, which was recently organized by Clyde Deavers, were awarded their tenderfoot badges, these being Kenneth McLean, H. E. Addeason, Hardy Moore, Cecil Melton and Howard Windham.

The local scouts receiving awards and the list of awards received by each follow:
 Benjamin Shepard, bronze palm, horsemanship, bookkeeping, leathercraft, farm home planning, farm layout and building arrangement, animal husbandry, reading; Mordell Shouse, leathercraft, chemistry, public health, woodcarving, electricity; David Gambel, civics, personal health, star scout; Edward Carson, animal husbandry, production, dairying, poultry raising, personal health, public health, home planning, reading, reptile study, first aid to animals, bird study, star scout.

The Vatican at Rome is the largest residence in the world. It contains several thousand rooms.

On Jan. 1, 1930, Texas had 974,000 milk cows, a gain of 19,000 over the previous year. There are 21,919,000 dairy cows in the United States.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One gas range. Can be seen at Dowell's Auto Top and Shoe Shop.

MILK COW—One choice milk cow and young calf for sale. Lee Baker.

FOR SALE—A \$160.00 deposit on any new Chevrolet Six with the Massey-Woods Motor Company of Trent; car to be delivered when called for. Will sell this deposit for \$110.00. John L. Camp, 519 Mims Bldg., Abilene, Texas. Phone 4814.

BABY CHICKS every Tuesday from M. Johnson strain of White Leghorns at \$14.00 per hundred. J. S. Touchstone, Hawley, Texas, Route 2.

PLYMOUTH ROCK EGGS for sale. \$1.00 per setting of 15. Mrs. W. L. Harris, at A. B. Cranston's place, Route 1, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—Columbian Wyandotte eggs for hatching; \$1.50 per setting of 15. Jesse Ferguson.

FIRST YEAR Melbane cotton seed. \$1.25 per bushel. Claude Touchstone.

HOGS FOR SALE—Some shoats, Poland China, 65 to 70 pounds; cheap, if sold at once; one mile west Noodle. T. C. Jinkens.

FOR RENT

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WANTED

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Last Lubbock Ranch Passes Into History

Lubbock, March 13.—Another big cattle ranch, the last within Lubbock county, passed into history Saturday when 500 head of Hereford two-year-old steers were rounded up on the 11-section McCrummen ranch in the southwest corner of Lubbock county within seven miles of the city of Lubbock, and loaded on a 15-car Fort Worth and Denver freight train bound for Scullin, Oklahoma.

E. Lee McCrummen of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, who has been running cattle on this ranch and other land nearby for the past 28 years, said that he will put his land on the market to be sold to farmers, following the lead of other land owners who have found this land too valuable for farming to be used for grazing purposes.

McCrummen with his father, the late D. H. McCrummen, formerly owned 25 sections around his headquarters on the plains.

The McCrummen ranch is the largest body of tillable land in Lubbock county that yet awaits the bite of the plow. It will be sold in 80, 160 and 320 acre tracts to farmers. Part of the land joins the Lubbock-Brownfield highway that is to be paved in Lubbock county's \$2,750,000 paving project now under way.

The land will sell for \$35 and \$40 per acre.

Jubilee Minstrels Score Big Success

(Continued from Page One)

Tittle, interlocutor par excellence and master of ceremonies sometime, sometime the goat himself.

Local celebrities got their share of the brunt of the evening's jokes—and the end men had some fresh ones, too. Included in the program of songs were many popular hits, just as well rendered by the vocalists we all know as they might have been by some of Al Field's boys. These selections were "Still My Baby;" E. Yates Brown, "A Kiss Each Morning;" Clesby Patterson, "A Gay Caballero;" John West, "Happy Days are Here Again;" Charlie Jones, "Sadie Green of New Orleans;" Orion Tittle, "A Vagabond Lover;" E. L. Turner, "Ain't She Sweet?" (and the sweet was "Sis" Boaz, just like they're pictured down on the levee;) Happy Doc Holland, "Back to Carolina;" L. B. Scott, "Piccolo Pete;" Ed Lancaster, "Sunny Side Up;" ack West, "You Tell Me Your Dreams;" Tom Allday, "A Good Man is Hard to Find," and Parker Sharp, "I Ain't Got Nobody."

Mrs. L. B. Howard and Miss Dona Loyless were the pianists, who accompanied the numbers.

A typical "Aunt Dinah" was produced in the person of Sam Swann and Stan Johnson measured up to the "Old Black Joe" of all-time minstrelsy.

The first part concluded with a patriotic spectacle, "America First," with Castle Ellis as Uncle Sam.

End men, who added their talents to the gaiety of nations, and others in the circle of the opening part were Ed McCrary, Sie Hamm, Rolfe Wagner, J. H. Jackson, Clarence Perry and Eds Bourne.

EACH NUMBER A FEATURE.

In the olio, each of the six numbers was a feature to headline any show. The first showed a revue of seven of Merkel's charming girls in a song and dance number, entitled "Singing in the Bathtub." Costuming was appropriate for the occasion, too. Those appearing in this specialty were Louise Booth, Verna Tee Beasley, Dorice Brown, Mattie Lou Largent, Margaret Canon, Thelma Leach, Missie Dye, Lois Clark and Willie Evelyn Boaz.

The same misses had the closing of the olio with another song and dance number, "Tiptoe Thru the Tulips," dressed in elaborate evening gowns and making a stunning ensemble.

A PRINCE OF BURNT CORN.

Naturally, much was expected of Happy Doc Holland when he came forth for the monologue. A finished minstrel man, a born entertainer, one who has made himself popular with citizens, principals in the show, committeemen working with him, and all the kids of the town as well, he made rapid jumps from wise-cracks to snappy songs and back to the humor of the hour as concerns our own acquaintances. That the show went over big was due, primarily, to his skill and experience as a producer and stage manager, but some of the success is to be credited to his own personality, the good nature, the pep, the spirit of the trooper that is proverbial, but not always in evidence so marked as in this man.

He was followed by the Glee Club Quartet, all in black-face, consisting of A. J. Tucker, Ralph Duke, Castle Ellis and Clesby Patterson. They were presented under the direction of Miss Christine Collins, who played accompaniment. Song selections were in keeping with the black face background and the quartet received liberal applause.

Jimmie Moore, tap dancer and assistant to Doc Holland, a professional himself, entertained with a series of difficult and original dance steps, adding his own talents as a performer besides having been so efficient and indispensable in the preliminary organization and rehearsals.

Received by the audience as the treat of the program was the special number by Miss Mona Margaret Jones, one of Merkel's talented vocalists. Her first number was "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise," followed for encore by "Painting the Clouds with Sunshine." On Thursday evening, her numbers were "Londonderry," with "Pale Moon" for encore.

CONCLUDES WITH FARCE.

An elaborate farce comedy, staged for laughing purposes only, concluded the big show. This was entitled "In the Trenches," and participating in the Indian fight burlesque show was Clarence Perry, in full regalia as "Captain P. D. Q.," directing such recruits as Parker Sharp, (Unconscious,) and Happy Doc Holland as "Dynamite." Ed McCrary as Buffalo Bill, Jr., and E. L. Turner as "Red Devil" added atmosphere and the latter staged a good Indian being knocked out, without any qualms. A trio of soldiers came into action in a fast game of "African" polo and there was plenty of fireworks—from the artillery of Captain P. D. Q.—to supply the necessary setting for a loud and flaming curtain for the evening's entertainment.

Dates for Buffalo Gap Encampment Set For July 5th to 13th

Tentative plans for the annual Presbyterian Young People's conference at Buffalo Gap July 5 to 13 were made Monday afternoon at a meet of the executive committee and the program committee at the Central Presbyterian church at Abilene.

Program arrangements will be completed at a meeting of the committees to be held at the Presbyterian church of Baird Monday afternoon, April 14.

First day of the conference encampment, Saturday, July 5, will be league day for the young people of the Abilene presbytery, and Sunday programs will be in charge of league groups. A banquet will be given Saturday evening.

The conference proper will open Monday, July 7, and will continue for one week.

The executive committee selected Willard Rogers of Abilene as general manager and keeper of the encampment grounds to succeed Dave Floyd, who recently moved from Buffalo Gap. Mr. Rogers is a brother of Rev. Fred S. Rogers of Stamford.

Executive committee members are R. L. Bland of Abilene, chairman; W. M. Elliott, Merkel, and Graham Webb, Albany, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the local church, is chairman of the program committee; members are the Rev. Mr. Rogers of Stamford, the Rev. J. A. Owen, Albany, secretary, and the Rev. J. Hardin Mallard, Memphis.

Woodmen Circle.

The Woodmen circle met Friday, March 7, in an interesting meeting. While several were present, every member is urged to attend more regularly and help the guardian in the work she is endeavoring to do. Regular meeting evenings are the first and third Fridays of each month. Come and be with us.

—Reporter.

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CHORAL AND GLEE CLUBS.

The principals for the operetta, "The Last Rehearsal," which is to be given in April, have been named.

They are as follows: hero, E. L. Turner; heroine, Nadine Tippett; villain, Byron Patterson; father, Orion Tittle; mother, Ola Ellen Smith; maid, Willie Evelyn Boaz; rector, Buster Horton; stage manageress, Thelma Leach; the village idiot, Mary Elizabeth Grimes; the child and her mama, Artilee Simmons and Molly Frank Touchstone; and the professor of piano, Mrs. E. Yates Brown.

Watch for the date of the operetta. It will be published in the Badger Weekly.

WILL WONDERS NEVER CEASE?

Although J. T. is not in the Glee club, it is reported (we wonder who?) that he has a wonderful voice. The other day one of the students of M. H. S. heard someone singing. The person listened to find out who possessed such a voice, and lo and behold! it was J. T. singing "Jeanine I Dream of Papertime!"

"SCHOOL DAYS."

Thursday afternoon, March 5, seemed to be an appropriate day for those Badger Cagers to wear their new sweaters. It was a fighting day (you had to do some fighting if you got out into it) and our Badgers are certainly fighters! But the sweaters were not like the day. They really are very pretty.

Can it be possible that last week was so bad, because we didn't have chapel?

The literary editor of the Annual has put some students of each class of high school to work—writing poems for their classes. The marvelous works of these dormant minds are wonderful.

Several other students are working this week and have been working for some weeks past. Some are the Senior spellers, Junior spellers, Essay writers, declaimers and others who are to represent Merkel at the County Inter-scholastic League meet.

And by the way did you notice the list of Juniors on the honor roll this month?

On March 13, Miss Dona Loyless is leaving for Ft. Worth. While she is there she plans to go to Dallas to see "Tannhauser." She will attend in Fort Worth a music teacher's meeting for a lesson.

The holes that were reported dug for the Sophomores, by the north steps proved to be for the planting of two beautiful arbor vitae trees. They look better than the Sophomores would have any way.

BASEBALL GAMES.

Last week the Merkel boys played White Flat boys and Merkel girls played White Flat girls. The scores of both games favored Merkel. The participants in the girls game were:

Merkel—Nicholson, catcher; Parks, first base; Russell, 2nd base; Adcock and Dye, p; Ruth Davis, 3rd base; Owen, r. s. s.; Denny, l. s. s.; Hyatt, l. f.; Hunter, r. f.; Mansfield, c. f.

White Flat—Purser, catcher; Kegans, pitcher; V. Horton, 1st base; Anderson 2nd base; McElmerry, 3rd base; Quattlebaum, r. s. s.; Freeman, l. s. s.; D. Horton, l. f. The score was 7 to 6.

The boys lineup was:

Merkel—Boaz, pitcher; Richards, catcher; Blair, 2nd base; McAninch, 2nd base; Shannon, 1st base; Jones, l. s. s.; Adcock, r. s. s.; Tittle, l. f.; Hayes and Carson, c. f.; Moore and Clark, r. f.

The score was 30 to 1.

KNOW YOUR SENIORS OF '30

(A Weekly Article)
Buster Horton.
William Ray Horton was born in the Mulberry community on March 2nd, 1911. "Buster" lived on the banks of Mulberry Creek and his young life knew nothing but to fish and to hunt. At the age of seven he gave up this glorious outdoor life and entered Mulberry school. He finished school at Mulberry in 1925. Now Buster still longed for the outdoor life, but he cast aside his dreams of the great outdoors life and sought higher education. We next find him enrolled in Stith

High school. For two years Buster was a student in the Stith school, but still he sought higher education and he entered Merkel High school in 1928.

In '28 he was a member of the Merkel High School Players club, Glee club, and the K. O. A. club. Now in his second year in Merkel High school Mr. Horton, "High Pressure Pete," or Buster, is again a member of the M. H. S. Players club, one of the leading singers of the Glee club, and an outstanding member of the ever active P. P. F. A. A. club. It is men like Buster that make nations. Although not another Washington, Jefferson, or Edison he willingly carries his share and more of the load with a determined spirit that always wins.

Frances Frederickson.

At the present site of Noodle Dome on a beautiful May day in the year of 1910 a tiny blonde-headed baby was ushered into the world. This baby who in later years has proved an inspiration and ideal to many, was christened Frances Josephine. Frances entered Goodmar school at the age of eight. She moved to Merkel in 1919 and has since attended school here, except for an intermission of one year, which was spent in Mt. Pleasant. She graduated from Merkel Grammar school in 1926 and was valedictorian of the class.

During her High school years Frances has been chosen reporter for her class for three succeeding years and was also chosen the "Best Student" of M. H. S. of '27-'28. She has been a member of the Choral club two years, Spanish club, two years, and is now a member of the Senior Girls club and the Merkel High School Players club.

Frances is an outstanding poet of the Merkel High school.

WE, THE JUNIORS.

We, the Juniors of the class of '30, feel that we are not worthy. Of such a compliment, and further—For having Miss Baker as our "Mother."

And in this "Badger" you will see The gay Junior class—we.

We, the Juniors of this class Are very intelligent, therefore we will pass.

And you will be paid, if you only say You were a Junior of that day. No doubt, it will repay you in life's way. So don't believe it is only play.

Don't you remember the Badger Contest?

We won—you just bet. Remember the best class in school As the Juniors, then you will be no fool. And you will have to say, "It is that Junior Class of '30 in my high school day."

Look through your souvenirs, And through all of your tears Think of those happy years. And in this Annual you will see Joel's picture, the Badger's Captain-to-be

Was of the Junior Class—we.

We, the Juniors of this year, Are sure our names will appear Among the great people of the world. Now, wouldn't you be in a "whirl" And not have a few

To know we are the Juniors of this year?

We shall graduate next year from M. H. S.

And then our names will be on press; Won't Miss Baker's bosom swell with pride When she sees our names in fame world-wide? Just to think, she used to be The sponsor of the Junior Class—we. Ola Ellen Smith.

WHO ARE THE JUNIORS?

Something just must be said about the Juniors. Do you think we Juniors aren't proud of ourselves? Why we have a wonderful teacher and sponsor and what a roomful of pupils! Why there's Joel Darsey, our president, that little football player that "played" center. He also played and lettered in basketball and now he's playing baseball. Next year he promises to be a marvelous captain of the Badgers and probably will be one of the Seniors of highest rank. Then there's Fred Guitar and J. E. Boaz, vice-president,

and secretary and treasurer, who were also favorites in Badger football. Next comes Elvis Richardson, last year chosen "Best Student" and this year equally as high-ranking. He is also well known in the M. H. Players club and is the assistant editor of the Badger Weekly. Audrey Farris is the efficient editor of the Badger Weekly and has an average at the top. Besides these and other efficient officials there are some students of special talent. Among them are: as an important part of the band, Lois Clark, H. H. Copeland, Byron Patterson and Fred Baker; in the Glee club: Baylor Amason, Fred Baker, Fred Guitar and Byron Patterson; in the Choral club: Thelma McAninch, Lois Clark, Himalaya Swafford and Ola Smith; in the M. H. S. Players club: Elvis Richardson, Lona Bryan, Fred Guitar, J. E. Boaz and Beth Hamm; and as a poet, Ola Smith. In fact there are just forty Juniors that are each one a vital part of Merkel High school.

FISH NEWS.

It certainly is too bad for us to stay in the house this beautiful weather. Really we ought to be out in the brook with the rest of the little fishes, having a good time, but such is life. There isn't any use for us to tell you how brilliant we are and how well we're getting along in school, for you know we had to be good to get over here—and now, most of us are making up for the hard studying last year.

Mr. Davis: "Meyer, why do you wear glasses? Are you near-sighted, far-sighted, or is it astigmatism?"

Meyer: "Neither one—I'm cross-eyed."

JOKES.

Mrs. Young (after a ride with Mary Elizabeth): "Say, can't you go any faster than that?"

M. E.: "Sure, but I thought you wanted to stay in the car."

Willie Evelyn entered the furniture store and asked for a pound of floor wax. "I'm sorry, sis," replied J. T., "We sell only sealing wax."

"Don't get silly," she remarked. "Why should anyone want to wax a ceiling?"

The traffic officer raised his hand, and the lady motorist stopped with a jerk. Said the officer, as he drew out his little book:

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who happened to be Miss Baker, indignantly, "you are very much mistaken. It's this hat that makes me look so old."

Miss Martin: "What did Paul Revere say at the end of his ride?"

Jack: "Whoa!"

An old friend: "How are you getting along in school this year?"

Earl: "Fine. There's about ninety people below me."

Old friend: "Really?"

Earl: "Yes, you see I'm a Junior and we sit upstairs."

Doris (proudly): "What's better than a man you can trust?"

Verna T.: "A man who will trust you."

Margaret: "Why B. P. is the best fellow going!"

Ida Mae: "Well, I wish when he calls on me he'd go earlier."

Nadine: "You measly little shrimp. I hate you."

Orion: "But, darling, yesterday you

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POULTRY

BIG MONTHS IN EGG PRODUCTION

Fall and winter months may be termed the profit months in poultry culture for the reason that the big difference in production between heavy laying flocks and flocks which are not profitable comes during that season of the year. Almost any healthy hen will lay well toward spring.

It is an established fact that a flock must average approximately 100 eggs per hen per year in order to return the owner a profit. The difference between the monthly flock averages of good flocks and poor flocks comes mainly during the fall and winter months. In other words, the owners of profitable flocks have utilized methods which increase production at a time of year when fresh eggs are scarce and therefore higher in price.

Early hatches of early maturing birds could be set down as one of the most important points in getting heavier fall and winter production. Pullets that start laying during the latter part of October are from hatches that came before May 1, usually before April 1. They are birds that have been well fed and are fully developed. Good birds of this character will produce greatly over 100 eggs per year if they are properly fed and housed.

Proper feeding and housing are the second factors that must receive attention in order to get a good yield of fall and winter eggs. Hens will lay in the spring on a straight grain ration. At that time they are answering nature's demands and will lay if conditions are at all suitable. However, after the normal laying season is over, it is correspondingly hard to secure heavy production. This can only be done by using a ration that supplies plenty of animal protein, minerals, and succulent feed in addition to grain, which is needed as the basis of all rations. Houses must be warm, well ventilated and comfortable. In other words, the hen must be fed and managed so that she will feel like keeping right on with her egg production.

Parasites and diseases are the third source of trouble. Nothing will upset a good laying flock quicker than a lot of troublesome mites that make the birds want to leave their regular houses and roost in the trees.

Preparing for Winter Around Poultry House

A thorough cleaning of the poultry house should take place at this time of year in preparation for winter. The clean-up should consist of removing nests, roosts, hoppers, drinking stands and all other equipment from the house. Each should get a thorough scrubbing with water and some good disinfectant. The house itself should be swept, ceilings, walls and floor. The floor should be well scraped clean of all hard, dried litter and droppings. Dirt floors should have at least six inches of the old dirt taken off and replaced with six inches of clean dirt.

The final clean-up step should be a thorough spraying of the inside of the house with some good disinfectant. Whitewash helps to brighten a dark house and a freshly whitewashed house has a tendency to encourage its owner to keep it looking clean for some time to come.

Poultry Facts

A young guinea is like a young grouse or quail and will hide when scared. They do not make any noise at all when they hide from a supposed enemy and are very hard to find.

Some poultrymen place a large box of coal or wood ashes in each section of their laying houses. The hens dust in the ashes and undoubtedly remove many body lice by the process.

Feeding whole, dry oats as a large part of or all whole grain ration is poor business. Even though the oats are plump and bright, the hulls make them poor feed except in limited quantities.

The Missouri College of Agriculture has recently completed some experiments in which they find that in feeding hens, soy-bean meal may be used in place of meat scrap, thereby reducing the cost of feed. They also found it paid to feed mineral.

While the hen isn't exactly a grazing animal, she does tuck a lot of grass under her belt during a summer day. And when she can't get it, she must have sprouted oats, cabbage, mangels, or such, if she's going to fatten you with eggs.

When we expect winter eggs we must produce our pullets from hens that are bred to lay during the winter.

Thoroughly spraying the poultry house, especially the roosting and laying quarters, with crude oil or coal oil will destroy the red mites.

The period when pullets start laying is a critical one. Pullets which are due to begin to lay at freezing weather usually wait until spring. This means an entire loss for several months.

LIVE STOCK NEWS

LIBERAL FEEDING OF BROOD SOWS

Generous Rations While Nursing Pigs Profitable.

"Liberal feeding of brood sows while they are nursing their litters pays big dividends," declares B. W. Fairbanks, associate professor of animal husbandry at the Colorado Agricultural college.

"Excellent rations can be balanced with skim milk or buttermilk, bran, shorts, ground oats, wheat, barley, or corn," he adds. "A little leafy alfalfa hay builds up the quality of the protein and supplies vitamin 'A.'"

In discussing the weaning of pigs, Fairbanks says that "when the pigs are two to three weeks old they will drink from a trough in addition to their nursing. A shallow flat-bottomed trough placed in a pig creek is ideal for the feeding of additional milk."

"Fresh milk is generally fed the first day or two, and then skim milk is substituted. Middlings or shorts may be mixed with the skim milk and fed as a thin slop twice daily."

"When the pigs have learned to take freely of the shorts or middling slop, they are ready to wean, according to Fairbanks. This usually occurs when they are seven to ten weeks of age. If skim milk is not available it will be necessary to keep them on the sows longer."

"After weaning, a slop of shorts or middlings or corn meal is offered twice daily. At first the pigs should receive a ration with a liberal supply of protein, but this may be reduced slightly later."

Operations on Lambs Pay in Real Dollars

Docking and castrating will add materially to the receipts from the lamb crop. Either operation is simple and the risk negligible when performed on lambs at ten days to two weeks of age.

"Long-tailed lambs sell on the market for 25 cents to \$3 a hundred less than docked lambs," says W. E. Morris, a live stock specialist with the agricultural extension service of the University of Minnesota. "Thin long-tailed lambs are classified on the market as cull feeder lambs and suffer the largest cut in price."

"Ram lambs sell for \$1 to \$3 per hundred less than wether lambs of the same quality. Fat ram lambs sell on the market at a cent a pound below fat wether lambs. Thin ram lambs are classified as culls and sold to the packers as such, at about \$3 a hundred less than they would bring as feeders if they had been castrated."

Feeding Breeding Pig for Efficient Growth

Pigs retained for breeding purposes should not be fed and handled in the same way as those to be sent to market. Young breeding stock should be grown rather than fattened. Strong feet and legs and strong backs are more essential than fat in the development of gilts for brood sows. They should be fed only enough corn to keep them in a good thrifty condition. The rest of their feed should consist of shorts or oats with sufficient tankage or skim milk to balance the ration.

Figuring Horse Feeds at Cost of Production

Many farmers by figuring their horse feeds at cost of production find that they can keep a horse per year in very satisfactory manner at a feed cost of \$50 to \$60. To cover all costs of keeping a horse for a year including care, shelter and veterinary service, you would be entirely fair to the tractor side of the argument and reasonably fair to the horse by allowing a set charge of \$100 per year as the total cost under farm conditions of keeping a good work horse.

Live Stock Facts

It pays to summer fallow land before sowing it to alfalfa.

Sixty per cent of all pigs are born in March, April and May.

The use of self-feeders is the most satisfactory system of growing hogs.

A good pure-bred ram should never be considered an expense but as an excellent investment that will bring a high percentage of profit when properly handled.

An acre of good forage usually can be depended upon to carry from 1,000 to 2,000 pounds of hogs.

Hog cholera first appeared in the United States in Ohio in 1833. In a single year the losses of hogs by cholera have amounted to \$35,000,000.

Pure-bred rams will pay, through increased profits on market lambs, their original purchase price in one year, provided there are as many as 30 or 40 ewes in the flock in which they are used.

Blair Items

Miss Virginia Goats of New Mexico is visiting her father here and will remain for sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. Soules of Abilene were visitors Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer.

Mrs. Mabel Jacobs of Trent spent the week-end with Mrs. Riley James and was cordially welcomed by many other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan and three children of Rotan were over for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. James Doan.

Miss Melton of Sweetwater spent Saturday night with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes and three children drove over to Abilene to spend Sunday with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes.

Messrs. Pat Addison, E. J. Osborn, Jim Campbell, and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Osborn, Emmett Morris and S. F. King attended church at Nubia Sunday.

The Boy Scouts and leaders put on an interesting program at the Methodist church Sunday evening.

The hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell was opened Saturday evening to members of the younger set. A delightful evening of

games and contest prizes was the spirit of the party.

Among the arrivals last week was Ebbie Joe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shortie Swafford. He weighed eight and one-half pounds and is a mighty fine young man.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.

We wish to state to all Farmers that have cotton seed to spare we can give you \$34 per ton and we can't say how long. Will be glad to get you any amount of the Russell Big Boll that is being put out by the Chamber of Commerce at Abilene at the same price you pay them—\$1.75 per bushel. Either of us will take your order and get these seed for you and buy your old seed at \$34 until further notice.

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Trent News and Personal Notes

The W. M. S. of the Methodist church were entertained in the home of Mrs. M. G. Scott Monday afternoon. After several old time hymns were sung, Mrs. R. B. Johnson rendered a pleasing solo, "Somebody." Prize winners in the contests that followed were Mesdames L. C. Keyes, R. B. Johnson and J. S. Reid. The most unique affair of the whole evening was the old-time spelling match which was greatly enjoyed by all. Later the guests were invited into the dining room where hot chocolate and cake was served to the following: Mesdames R. B. McRee, R. B. Johnson, O. A. Smith, W. Y. Steen, J. S. Reid, L. C. Keyes, Rudolph Shannon, J. R. Gafford, E. L. Mangum, Mollie Winn, Miss Maimie Gafford, Doreen and Jean Scott and the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens had as their guest Thursday night Roy Smith of Youngtown, Ohio.

Louie McRee spent Sunday at Lamesa.

Mrs. W. J. Beckham returned to her home at Lamesa Friday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hale McRee and little daughter, who visited over Sunday with Mrs. Beckham and with Mrs. McRee's father, E. B. McGowen.

Mr. and Mrs. Curly Edwards spent Friday night in Abilene visiting Mrs. Edward's aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. So Relle and Rosa Lee attended the Fat Stock Show this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson and son, Raymond, of Lamesa were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Hays Wheatley, the latter being a sister of Mr. Johnson's.

Mrs. Spurgin Scott and children of Blair returned home Tuesday after visiting relatives here for a few days. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Reynolds.

Mrs. Bob Martin of Loraine spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bowman are spending the week in Fort Worth where Mr. Bowman has entered several of the events in the Stock Show.

Mrs. Bryan Booser and children have returned to their home in Sweetwater after visiting relatives here for several days.

Miss Ruth Sprodden of Sweetwater was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. Walsh.

Mrs. E. Howell spent the week-end in Abilene in the homes of Mrs. Billings and John Howell.

Mrs. Joe English is the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McLeod.

O. S. Robinson spent Tuesday night with friends here en route to Midland to visit his daughter, Mrs. Troy Heand.

Mr. and Mrs. Landers of Long-

worth, Mrs. Green Hamner and children of Sweetwater, Alvin Pruitt and children of Utah and Rev. McGinnis and family of Abilene were recent guests of Mrs. Joe Brown and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd, A. W. Woods and H. B. Chambliss are transacting business in Lamesa this week.

Miss Mattie White of Abilene visited Saturday with Miss Maurine Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Massey and little Wickford Massey and June Ed Massey attended the Stock Show Wednesday.

Principal Reeves entertained the Eighth Graders Friday night with an old-fashioned ice cream party. Games of 42 afforded the pastime. Those enjoying the event were Dorothy and Florence Boyd, Sallie Freeman, Mary Joe Howell, Sarah Julia Johnson, Ada Mae Reneau, Laverne Gray, Ruth Duncan, Victorene Bishop, Leonard Stribling, Jack Bowers, Bob Howell, Dave Howell, Darrell Gray and Charlie Howell.

Miss Burgess and Mrs. Walker Steadman, assisted by Prof. and Mrs. Jenkins, entertained the seventh grade pupils Tuesday night with a weiner roast near Sand Spring mountain. Games were enjoyed by the firelight and all report a most enjoyable time.

Little Miss Lucille Howell celebrated her ninth birthday Saturday with a party at her home.

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Former Merkel Man Named to Tech Board

The daily newspapers recently carried the announcement of the appointment of Thos. Johnson, vice-president and cashier of the Collin County National bank at McKinney, as a member of the board of directors of Texas Tech college at Lubbock.

Mr. Johnson is especially well known here, having been the organizer of the Farmers and Merchants National bank 25 years ago and cashier of that institution until 1919. He left here five or six years ago.

The place on the board of directors was made vacant by the recent death of Dr. C. G. Comegys, a prominent McKinney banker, and the friends of Mr. Johnson feel that Governor Moody has made a wise selection in naming our former banker and highly esteemed citizen as a member of the Tech board.

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Babe Ruth Signs 2-Year Contract for \$160,000 Consideration

St. Petersburg, Fla., March 13.—Babe Ruth Monday signed his new contract, and the New York Yankees took a two-year lease on his services at \$80,000 annually.

The Bambino signed on the dotted line for a raise of \$10,000 over his salary for the past three years and will continue as the highest paid performer in the national pastime.

The formal signing took place in Col. Jacob Ruppert's suite.

Out of this annual salary of \$80,000, Babe will receive less than \$70,000 himself because \$10,246 must go to pay income tax each year.

A person with a salary of \$80,000 who, like Ruth, is married and has two dependents is allowed an exemption of \$4,300. Subtracting the amount exempted, the tax on the remainder under the 1929 tax reduction schedule would amount to \$10,668, but the tax payer would be allowed a credit of \$422 for earned income, making his tax total \$10,246.

Oklahoma Hereford Wins Grand Champion

Fort Worth, March 13.—A Hereford steer, College Inheritor, owned by the Agricultural and Mechanical college of Oklahoma, was declared grand champion of the 1930 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show Monday, thereby winning one of the most coveted honors offered at the show.

Before it was awarded the grand championship, the steer already had won its way to the junior championship over steers of all breeds.

Judges had a difficult time in deciding between the Oklahoma entry and Largent's Domino, owned by C. M. Largent and Sons of Merkel, Texas. This animal also is a Hereford.

The Oklahoma A. and M. College has been a persistent winner in different livestock shows throughout the United States. Its entries have taken high places in many student judging contests.

Cemetery Contributions.

The following donations have been received during the week by the cemetery association:
King Daughters class, Methodist church \$5.00
Mrs. J. B. Warren 2.50
Contributions may be left with the Farmers and Merchants National bank or with the Barrow Furniture company and will be acknowledged in the Merkel Mail each week.

The English inventor of khaki made a fortune.

Personal Mention

After wrestling with the flu for several weeks, B. M. Black was able to come up town early in the week and greet his friends.

J. O. Watson and family of Sweetwater were guests Sunday in the J. L. Banner home.

Mrs. W. S. J. Brown has been visiting for the past several days with her grandmother in Whitewright.

Charlie Jones and J. C. White were visitors the first of the week to the Fat Stock show at Fort Worth.

While prospecting on the plains and visiting relatives and friends around Floydada, Mrs. George L. Reeves was accompanied by her two sons, Eldon and Othell.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Morton and daughter, Mabel Corrinne, took in the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show Tuesday.

Before removing from Abilene to Bridgeport, where they will make their future home, Dr. and Mrs. O. W. Little and daughter, Mary Virginia, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple Tuesday evening.

Floyd Grayson returned Thursday to his home at Dimmitt after a visit here for several days with his parents. His mother, Mrs. J. H. Grayson, recently sustained serious injuries when she broke her hip by a fall, but she is in satisfactory condition now.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Herral Bledsoe from Wichita Falls spent the last week-end with Mrs. Bledsoe's mother, Mrs. Effie Rider.

Paul Casseaux and J. E. Boaz were visitors in Dallas and Fort Worth over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Holt and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Holt and family of Lamesa were week-end visitors with Mrs. Holt's sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Ruzbee and daughter, Opal, accompanied by Mr.

and Mrs. D. A. Lee, spent the week-end with relatives in San Angelo.

Miss Addie Williams and her mother, Mrs. J. D. Williams, and Royce McDonald spent the week-end in Floydada, visiting relatives and friends. On her return, Miss Williams was accompanied by Miss Myrtice Meador of that city, who is now her guest.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradley and son of Abilene spent the weekend with Mr. Bradley's sister, Mrs. A. J. Canon.

Mrs. J. A. Collum was here from Lamesa Saturday for a brief visit with Mrs. A. J. Canon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Morton and two children and Miss Ottie Chance, all of Sweetwater, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. A. Morton.

After a visit to the Stock Show, Miss Johnnie Sears is now the guest of her grandmother in Whitewright.

To attend the national meeting of the Women's Council of the Methodist church, Mrs. T. V. Touchstone and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess will leave Friday for Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Walton of Sacramento, Calif., and Hobart Walton of Hobart Mills, Calif., were summoned home last week by the serious illness of their mother, Mrs. J. C. Walton. Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Walton's condition was much improved Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble, accompanied by David and Elma Mae and Uncle Bill Sheppard, attended the Stock Show.

Among those who have attended the Stock Show during the week were John Sears, John S. Hughes, Howard Laney, Tom Largent, C. M. Largent, Charles Largent, Roy Largent, Willie Joe Largent, Tom Jenkins and Andrew Barbee.

Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins moved to their ranch home at Mountain Pass early in the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Crane returned the end of the week from a visit to Dallas and the oil fields near Van.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

And He's Only Five Feet Thirty Inches

Tuesday afternoon a man, 7 feet and 6 inches tall, paid a visit to this city and, as might be expected, the sight of a man of such unusual height caused considerable stir and excitement.

His name is Ray Williams of Enid, Okla., and he is employed as advertising representative for a manufacturer of patent medicines in Enid, Okla.

Williams weighs 220 pounds and claims to be the nation's tallest youth. At birth he weighed 14 1-2 pounds and was 27 1-2 inches tall. At 18, he was 7 feet. His father is six feet, five and three-fourth inches and his mother, five feet, seven and a half.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Burfiend, Noodle, Friday, March 7, 1930.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ward, Sunday, March 9, 1930.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. D. Walters, named Merkel La Velle, Monday, March 10, 1930.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dwiggin, Stith, Tuesday, March 11, 1930.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Nash, Wednesday, March 12, 1930.

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