

## HONOR ROLL FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS LISTS 98 PUPILS

Twenty-five in High School Listed; Elvis Richardson Heads Roll With Average of 97; Seventy-three in Grammar School.

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The honor roll for the High School department of the Merkel Public Schools for the first six weeks period contains the names of twenty-five students, or about eighteen per cent of the total number enrolled. This means that about one in five met the requirements for the roll. Elvis Richardson heads the list with an average of 97, Margaret Turner and Audrey Ferris run him a close second with an average of 95. The four high school classes had the following per cent of their enrollment on the honor roll:

Freshmen 8 per cent.  
Sophomores 11 per cent.  
Juniors 26 per cent.  
Seniors 41 per cent.  
Average for entire High School 18 per cent.

### REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET.

To make the honor roll, a student must be neither absent nor tardy, must not make below 75 per cent on any subject, must make at least 90 per cent in deportment, and must make a general average of 90 per cent or more. The following named students in the High School department met the above requirements, and, therefore, have been placed upon the honor roll:

Calderine Huskney, 93; Elmer Middleton, 92; Lela Patterson, 91; Leo Tucker, 91; B. F. Middleton, 90; Margaret Canon, 90; Mary Elizabeth Grimes, 90.

**Senior Class.**  
Elvis Richardson, 97; Audrey Ferris, 95; Margaret Turner, 95; Jess Higgins, 94; Elsie Lasater, 94; Velma Lee Holden, 94; Thelma McAninch, 92; Ola Smith, 92; Benjamin Sheppard, 91; Norma Patton, 90.

**GRAMMAR SCHOOL.**  
The honor roll for the Grammar School department of the Merkel Public Schools contains the names of seventy-three pupils for this first six-weeks period. This is about twenty-five per cent of the Grammar School enrollment, that is about one in four of the Grammar School pupils made the honor roll.

The following pupils of the Grammar School department have been neither tardy nor absent, have not made less than 75 per cent on any one subject, have made 90 per cent in deportment, and have averaged for the six-weeks period 90 per cent or more: (Continued on Page 8.)

## France Keeps Roll Of War Criminals; Kaiser Tops List

Paris, Oct. 30.—The refusal of a French visa to the former German General, Count Conrad Von Moltke, has brought to light that the Surete Generale possesses a secret "black list" containing the names of sixty-three German and Austrian war criminals that will be barred from France forever.

The former kaiser tops this list, but Hindenburg is not on it. Mostly, the undesirables are minor officers, accused or convicted in absence by French courts of criminal acts during the German occupation of France during the war.

Many of the names are those of regional commanders held responsible for unusually atrocious crimes during the occupation.

The book has been used but few times before the Von Moltke case, for most of those named have been sentenced to French prisons by French courts, and, if ever caught in France, they can be sent to serve their terms.

## ADOPT PLAN TO REDUCE ACREAGE

Corpus Christi, Oct. 30.—The Southern Cotton Reduction association was formed here Wednesday at a meeting of approximately 3,000 cotton growers and bankers from the cotton belt.

Corpus Christi was chosen headquarters for the organization. J. E. Garrett, Corpus Christi, cotton grower, banker and originator of the plan on which the organization was based was named president.

Other officers elected were R. E. Golden, Erath, La., vice president, and O. W. Whitley, Corpus Christi, secretary-treasurer.

The executive committee, which will formulate rules for the organization, will include the presidents of the state bankers associations of Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

Garrett's plan, as explained at the meeting, was for bankers to organize to force a 25 per cent reduction in 1931 cotton acreage by withholding financial aid from all growers who would not agree to make such a cut.

It was believed the price of cotton could be boosted to more than 20 cents a pound by this method.

Farmers attending the meeting signed a petition asking the Texas Bankers association to indorse the plan for a period of five years and asked that it aid the new association in sponsoring a campaign to put this new plan into effect throughout the cotton area of the South. (Continued on Page 8.)

## TWO CENT RATE EFFECTIVE ON NOVEMBER 1st

Texas and Pacific Line Granted Permission to Cut Rate from Fort Worth to Big Spring; Experiment will be Watched.

Austin, Oct. 30.—Reduction of railroad passenger fares from 3.6 cents per mile to two cents per mile over the Texas and Pacific line from Fort Worth to Big Spring was authorized Tuesday by the state railroad commission.

The railroad had asked the reduction in order to bolster up the steadily declining passenger travel on their line. At the hearing on the applications here, attorneys for the Texas and Pacific indicated that the decrease might be extended to other branches if the "experiment" proved successful.

Bus operators protested the rate, but the railroad attorneys declared the decrease was to meet the competition of privately owned automobiles, rather than bus competition. The bus fare is approximately 2.8 cents per mile.

In presenting their application, attorneys for the line declared it would be necessary to discontinue some of the trains unless the reduction was authorized. For the present the rate will be applicable only on three local trains operating between the cities.

The rates were made effective on November 1, until February 23, 1931. At that time the railroad will determine whether a continuance is desired.

The rates will be effective over trains Nos. 3, 4 and 10, with the regular half fare reductions for children and a limit of 50 pounds of baggage.

Effective Thursday, T. & P. east-bound train No. 10, which heretofore has stopped at Merkel only for through passengers to Fort Worth and points beyond, will stop here on flag for passengers to all points. This announcement was authorized by Agent J. C. Childress Thursday morning.

While he has not received official notice, other than the news item in the paper, as to the reduced rate of two cents per mile between Big Spring and Fort Worth, it is understood that this rate is to become effective Saturday, Nov. 1, and will be good on trains Nos. 3, 4 and 10. The leaving time for No. 10, eastbound, is 11:17 a. m., for No. 4, eastbound is 2:18 p. m., and for No. 3, westbound, is 3:18 p. m.

## Homer Easterwood Elected President Gulf Coast Bankers

A former Merkel banker has been elected president of the Gulf Coast Bankers association. Homer Easterwood, now cashier of the First State Bank at Taft, and formerly engaged in the banking business here and at Trent, was accorded this honor at a meeting of the members of the Gulf Coast Bankers association held last Friday night at the Nueces hotel in Corpus Christi.

Mr. Easterwood was also formerly editor of the Merkel Mail.

Other officers elected were Sam Fimble, vice-president, and R. R. Smith of Aransas Pass, secretary and treasurer. More than 50 were present at the meeting and among the items of important business transacted was the adoption of the plan of J. E. Garrett, Corpus Christi, cotton grower and banker, for a reduction of 25 per cent in the cotton acreage.

## Rig Is Moved In For Test On Cade Tract

S. C. Yingling of Fort Worth, who has the drilling contract for the Southern Oil company test on the L. R. Cade 80-acre tract, adjoining the Coates well on the Phillips lease, has been moving in from Coleman this week. It is probable that this test will be spudded in about the middle of next week.

The test on the W. D. Swann place, about 1 1/2 miles northwest of the old Noodle Creek field, is down 2,495 feet and indications are that it will be drilled in Thursday or Friday of this week.

### Record of Births.

Boy, named Gene, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frazier, residing east of Stith, Thursday, October 23, 1930.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beard, Stith, Monday, October 27, 1930.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

A special election to amend the charter of the city of Sweetwater to permit the payment of taxes in three installments has been tentatively set for Dec. 18.

Ned C. Record, sports editor of the Fort Worth Record-Telegram, died Saturday afternoon from pneumonia, following an operation for appendicitis on Oct. 15.

Inclement weather on several of the feature days lowered the attendance at this year's State Fair of Texas to 675,327, as compared with 963,074 in 1929.

As the result of a nail piercing his eye, physicians said, a blood clot lodged against his brain, causing the death of Ray Dexter, 28, in a Botger hospital Sunday.

When an oil well, presumably a duster, suddenly blew in near Graham, Ernest Briscoe, about 30, night watchman, received fatal burns in the resulting explosion.

Dates for the fifty-second annual convention of the Texas Press association, which is to be entertained in San Angelo, have been announced as June 11 to 13, inclusive.

A tariff on oil was sounded by an array of Texas oil and business men as the keynote to the semi-annual convention of the Independent Petroleum association of Texas in session at San Antonio.

Yegmen cut their way with an acetylene torch into the vault of the First National bank of Windom Tuesday night, escaping with \$2,559.81 in cash and \$3,950 in bonds and other securities.

Fire burned six brick buildings at Crandall early Friday morning, causing a property loss of \$100,000. The Citizens National bank was one of the places burned, but valuable papers and records were saved.

Killed in what is believed was the explosion of an accumulation of gas, W. P. Treadwell, 63, veteran Dallas druggist, Tuesday afternoon was found dead in the charred debris of the bathroom of his home at Prairie, East Dallas.

When fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Falls at San Angelo, while the mother was visiting a neighbor across the street and the father was still at work, their two sons, age 4 and 1, respectively, were burned to death.

J. G. Tyson, former federal prohibition officer in the Amarillo division, was released on \$5,000 bond, after having been arrested in Fort Worth Sunday on an indictment by a federal grand jury charging him with accepting a bribe.

Mrs. Anna Thaison, 81, a native of Denmark and widow of the late Andrew Thaison, who constructed Laredo's first streets in 1884 and later served as mayor, died at her home in Laredo of shock resulting from a fall a week before.

Clouds surrounding the eligibility of several Texas high school football players were dispelled Monday when the executive committee of the Inter-scholastic league held the recently enacted ten-semester ruling inoperative for the remainder of the 1930-1931 season.

Lost six days in drain pipes leading to a sewer main, during which time hundreds of feet of pipe were taken up and sidewalks were torn away, three diamond rings, valued at \$4,500, were recovered Tuesday at Beaumont, the search entailing an expense of \$500.

Adrian Pool, member of the Texas house of representatives from the El Paso district, who had been mentioned, but without foundation, as a probable appointee of Governor Moody as a member of the state board of control, has withdrawn from his race for reelection, without giving any reasons for his action.

### Southwest Conference.

Last week's results:  
Southern Methodist 27, U. of Indiana 0.  
Rice Institute 6, U. of Texas 0.  
U. of Arkansas 13, Texas Aggies 0.  
Centenary 7, Baylor 2.  
Texas Christians 26, Texas Tech 0.

### Oil Belt.

Last week's results:  
Breckenridge 35, Cisco 0.  
Abilene 0, Ranger 0 (tie).  
San Angelo 6, Big Spring 6 (tie).  
Mineral Wells 7, Sweetwater 6.  
Eastland 20, Brownwood 9.

## Child's Plea for a Grandpa is Granted; Old Man Get a Job

Chicago, Oct. 30.—The unemployment problem is relieved just the least bit and one man has a nice home, all because Jimmy Brown got what he wanted for his seventh birthday—"a grandpa."

Jimmy's father has always been pretty good about getting whatever the boy asked but for a time he was stumped by the latest birthday request, for "a grandpa, like the other kids have, one that tells stories about wars and fighting bears and things."

Jimmy's father finally thought of a plan. He went to the tower town shelter where hundreds of hungry, homeless men sleep every night. He found a kindly looking old man with white hair, slightly stooped shoulders and a pleasant voice. When the plan was explained, the old man's eyes gleamed; he agreed at once.

So Jimmy got what he wanted and the old man did too. Jimmy is particularly pleased—his "grandpa" tells better stories than any of the other "grandpas" in the neighborhood.

## ALL GAMES OF COLORADO HIGH ARE FORFEITED

District Meeting at Roby Takes Drastic Action; Recommends Suspension of School Until 1932; Roscoe also Penalized.

Forfeiture of all of Colorado High games this season, disqualification from the district race for 1930 and a recommendation of suspension from the league until Jan. 1, 1932, was voted by a meeting of the superintendents of all schools in district 9, held at Roby Wednesday night, after hearing charges in four instances against Colorado for offering financial aid either to players or their parents. One Colorado player was also declared ineligible because of failure to make three courses his last semester in school.

One Roscoe player was declared ineligible for using an assumed name and Roscoe was penalized by the forfeiture of all the games in which he had played.

Present at the meeting were representatives from every school in the district: Haskell, Stamford, Anson, Merkel, Hamlin, Rotan, Roby, Snyder, Colorado and Roscoe. L. W. Johnson, Stamford superintendent, is chairman of the executive committee, which includes the following members, Messrs. Eredlove, Hudgins, Green and Burgess, superintendents at Haskell, Rotan, Hamlin and Merkel, respectively.

### BADGERS LOSE TO HAMLIN.

The Badgers last a hard fought grid game to the Hamlin Pied Pipers last Friday, by a score of 12 to 0, the defeat being chiefly due to the fact that Captain Darsey could not get his punts off in time. Both the Hamlin scores were the result of blocked kicks.

The Badgers play Haskell at Haskell this Friday.

When a Merkel kick was blocked on their 18-yard line in the first quarter, Wagner circled his own right end for the distance on the next play, chalk up the first tally for Hamlin.

The Pipers were forced for their second time to come in a thrill-pack.

Two long passes, Steve had advanced the Hamlinites, Merkel's 14-yard line, before they lost the ball. Merkel fumbled, but after the visitors pushed through to the one-foot line, the Badgers line held fast. Merkel attempted to kick out, but Johnson of Hamlin blocked the punt, and the ball was covered behind the Badgers goal line.

An outweighed Merkel eleven played a fighting game, but couldn't overcome the breaks. Darsey, captain, Sheppard and Tucker were outstanding on the Badger squad.

Merkel's line-up follows:  
Ends, Coates, Russell; tackles, (Continued on Page Five.)

## IN MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, November 4, 1910.)

Monday night was Halloween. The moon was dark and gave no light. Ghosts, abroad, made the most of it and roved without restriction until the hour of twelve, and then they silently slipped away to be seen no more until the old year rolls around again, bringing with it another glad Halloween.

Miss Bertie Diltz entertained her Sunday School class and as it was the 31st, of course it was a phantom party. The ghosts were royally entertained and feasted on apples, nuts and popcorn, and then they fled to parts unknown to help in the uncanny realm of the night. They were lively ghosts and said "they sure had fun."

Miss Winnie Warren's home was beautifully decorated and lighted with jack o'lanterns and was in perfect keeping for the gathering of ghosts and witches. They came in ghostly silence and mournful nods, but soon became cheerful and the sepulchral voices changed into hilarious mirth. They ate, they drank, and were merry and a jollier set no one ever saw. If now they are back in their gloomy haunts they have the very

happy recollections of Miss Winnie's entertainment.

On Friday evening by special invitation a number of spirits were coaxed by Miss Love Hawkins to attend spiritual revels at the home of Mrs. J. W. Jennings. All kinds of games, suited to the occasion, were played and when those ghosties said good-bye they were in love with Miss Love, not only as a Sunday School teacher, but as an ideal hostess.

Mr. Ira Armstrong and family left on Friday night for Oklahoma to make their home.

Judge Mimms took in the Dallas Fair this week. He visited Miss Ruth at Fort Worth enroute.

Miss Etta Burns returned on Sunday night from a delightful trip to Dallas.

Merle Alsbrook, who is attending Abilene Christian College, spent Sunday and Sunday with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Barker have the congratulations of their friends upon the arrival of a charming young lady at their home Sunday morning.

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## ABOUT PEWEE GOLF.

\* Now that the season is about over, it surely will be all right to say something about miniature golf courses without having a thousand or so people writing letters of condemnation, full of scathing accusations that I am giving somebody or group of somebodies a lot of free publicity—or, worse, that I am getting paid for doing it.

How much good or how much harm the playing of these pewee golf courses does for one's golf game doesn't interest me for I have given up hope of improvement and have about come to the conclusion that mine can be no worse.

As to whether or not these courses come under the category of a public nuisance because they disturb the peace and quietude of those who go to bed when the lights go on (there are those who just can't let anybody else enjoy a bit of fun) doesn't bother me, for I never retire before nine thirty; and there are only three of these courses within a block of my domicile, and you know a person really should not consider anything a public nuisance unless it affects him all four sides.

What does interest me about these little trick playgrounds is that the worst one I ever saw is such an improvement over the looks of the lot before the course was constructed thereon, that I think every man, woman and child that has the least spark of pride in his or her community, should rise up and give thanks to the fellow that thought up the idea.

I'm not so sold on the game, and I'm not interested in how much can be made out of them in money, fun or anything else; but I do say this—give me a pewee golf course every time rather than a vacant lot full of tin cans, broken home brew bottles, ragweed, thistle, non-descript signs and billboards, and other junk.

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### Meetings for Chevrolet Dealers are Advanced Two Months This Year

Detroit, Oct. 30.—A significant sign of the aggressive policies to be adopted by the automobile industry toward making 1931 rank with past years in volume is seen here in the announcement that Chevrolet's annual dealer meetings are to get under way next week, two months in advance of the customary date.

Four groups of sales officials from the home office, each group accompanied by a full carload of theatrical equipment, stage hands, electricians, etc., are scheduled to hold fifty meetings at as many central points during the next five weeks, which will be attended by upwards of 20,000 Chevrolet dealers and associated bankers located in every section of the country.

In previous years these meetings, which are held to acquaint the dealer organization with company plans for the new year, got under way in January, during New York Automobile Show week. Inasmuch as formerly a portion of each meeting centered upon the presentation of Chevrolet's annual new model, considerable speculation has been aroused here over a probable tie-up between the meetings and an early announcement of a new Chevrolet for 1931.

H. J. Klingler, vice-president and general sales manager of Chevrolet, remained noncommittal on the subject of a new car, other than to state that a part of the star chamber sessions with his dealers would be on this subject. He explained the holding of the meetings earlier this year by stating that normally November and December are dull months in the industry, and dealers are better able to leave their places of business during these months than in January or February. He pointed out further that by holding the meetings now, the dealers would have complete information on 1931 plans before the turn of the year, and would be able to put them into effect two months earlier than formerly, thus better preparing themselves for the early spring rush of business.

The first meeting is scheduled at Cleveland on November 3 and the last one at Wichita and Davenport on December 5. Mr. Klingler, under whose

### SUFFERING ENDED ALMOST OVER NIGHT

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"I was certainly in bad condition and suffered terribly with my stomach and indigestion," says Mrs. V. O. Oplie, 1745 Cleveland, Waco, Texas, while talking with an Argotane representative recently.

"I certainly had a bad time of it," she continued, "I would bloat up and have gas on my stomach and it would make me feel drowsy all the time, but could not sleep. I would go to bed at night and very little rest I would get, for I was so nervous that I would roll and toss all night long and never would get a good night's sleep. All during the day I always felt tired and worn out. I would have dizzy spells and also frequent headaches. After reading so much about Argotane, and having my friends recommend it to me I decided it would not hurt me to try it, so I bought a bottle.

"I do not have indigestion any more, nor do I have bloating or gas on my stomach. That tired, drowsy feeling has left me, and I am feeling just full of energy. The dizzy and bilious spells have disappeared along with my headaches. I go to bed at night now and sleep as sound as a log. I am no longer nervous and I really enjoy my meals, for I have no fear of indigestion. Most everything that I eat now agrees with me. I am certainly glad that I took Argotane, for it has done me more good than anything I have ever taken. I am glad to recommend it."

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general direction the meets are being held, plans to attend meetings at various points, while the next four ranking sales officials will have charge of the four groups.

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### Aggies and Bears Renew Athletic Tilts

College Station, Oct. 30.—Resumption of athletics between Texas A. & M. College and Baylor University, severed in the fall of 1926, was authorized in a joint statement signed by President T. O. Walton of A. & M. and President S. P. Brooks of Baylor and announced here Sunday.

Athletic teams from the two institutions have not met since their football game at Waco four years ago, which was followed by a student clash.

There was no indication when the first game between the schools would be scheduled, but negotiations between the athletic councils of the schools are expected to get under way at once. It was considered probable Baylor and A. & M. football teams might meet next fall.

The presidents' statement follows: "Having in mind the interest of in-



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**Co-ordinate Agencies Working for Drouth Aid Session**

Colorado, Oct. 30.—Seeing state aid as the most practicable means for supplying drouth relief, West Texans in session here Tuesday moved to secure a special force in seeking a special session of the next legislature which would consider appropriations to purchase county warrants issued to meet emergency needs.

A resolution was adopted asking all drouth relief agencies—including Governor Moody's committee, the West Texas chamber of commerce drouth aid group, county committees and a drouth relief organization of county judges—to hold a mass meeting at which an effort will be made to unify all agencies, so that a representative committee may be able to appeal to Governor Moody to call the special session.

The county judges' drouth committee was also organized here Tuesday. Judge C. R. Thompson of Mitchell county, named chairman, called a meeting of all county judges in this area to be held at Sweetwater October 31. Judges in turn, will be asked to perfect stronger organizations within their own counties. Other

members of the new organization include Judge Horace Holly, Scurry county; Judge R. R. Patterson, Fisher county, and Judge O. W. Lee, Knox county.

Judge Holly was named secretary of the committee, which will take the initiative in banding all drouth relief operations into one working unit. Plans for placing a forceful appeal for the special legislative session will be mapped at the Sweetwater session, to be held in the district courtroom there beginning at 10 a. m. Friday.

Speaking in behalf of the resolution to submit a stronger petition for the special session, Senator Oliver Cunningham of Abilene said he favored the proposed relief program, and would introduce the necessary bill if the legislature is called. Every speaker favored the resolution, introduced by J. H. Greene of Colorado.

Guy Dabney of Cisco, presided at

the session and Garland Eubank of Throckmorton served as secretary. Although inclement weather limited the attendance, representatives from more than a dozen towns were present.

J. M. Edwards of Turkey gave a detailed report of what the executive committee of the drouth relief body had done. Addresses were made by Judge Holly, Judge Thompson, Judge Lee, J. C. Hall, Loraine; and U. D. Wulfjen and J. H. Greene of Colorado.

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**Married Over Long Distance.**

Galveston, Oct. 30.—Mrs. Laura Cook of Galveston and Fred E. Dixon of Oklahoma City, Okla., were married over long-distance telephone Saturday. Justice of the Peace Randolph Pierson read the ceremony. Mrs. Cook was here and Dixon was in Oklahoma City by airplane soon after the marriage.

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# CHURCHES



**SPEECH ARTS CLASS PRESENTS  
STUDIO RECITAL.**

The expression class of Merkel Public schools delighted their parents last Friday evening by inviting them to the first recital of the year, which was given in Miss Tracy's studio. Each pupil showed excellent training and great ambition. After the program, guests and pupils enjoyed a social hour, during which time Miss Vennie Heiser and Mrs. E. M. McDonald served sandwiches and punch to Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. Dec Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Gaither, Mrs. R. J. Miller, Mrs. L. D. Barnes, Miss Hazel Williams, Miss Becky Jewel Gaither, Miss Tracy and members of the class.

The evening's program:  
"Kids," (Play-time Novelty)—Marilyn Sue Grimes, Dora Marie Gaither, Doris Clyde Miller.  
"The Whooping Cough School," (Story), Madra Elayne Nixon.  
"Consolation," (Piano Solo), Margaret Miller.  
"The Owl," Dora Marie Gaither.  
"The Owl," Marilyn Sue Grimes.  
"The Militarist," (Story)—Margaret Miller.  
"Living," (Duet Novelty)—Betty Lou Grimes and Madra Elayne Nixon.  
"Trials"—Doris Clyde Miller.  
Poem: a. "The Usual Way," b. "The Morning Call," Carl Bonnaugh.  
"Duet for Colored Ladies," Margaret Miller and Nell Hughes.  
"The Weaving of the Flag,"—Madra Elayne Nixon, L. D. Barnes and chorus.

**CLASS ORGANIZED.**  
Last Sunday at activity period the Sophomores with their sponsor, Miss Patterson, assembled to organize and elect officers. They are: Lowell Vickers, president; Carl Bush, vice-president; Oneda Bell, secretary; Thelma Leach, treasurer, and Imogene Middleton, reporter.

The Sophomores are full of pep and are working hard now that they have watched the first six weeks roll by without much effort; but at the end of the year it is hoped that they shall all be "Jolly Juniors."

**"DORCAS" CLASS PARTY.**  
The lovely suburban home of Mrs. C. M. Largent was the scene of a pretty Halloween party on Thursday of last week complimenting members of the Dorcas Sunday School class. The house was decorated with lovely autumn flowers and Halloween motifs, providing a lovely setting for the business and social hour.

A delightful sandwich plate with stuffed apples and chocolate was served at the refreshment hour to Mesdames Hamm, McDonald, Warren, Ashby, Bradshaw, Polley, Dorcy, Ensminger, Johnson, West, Meeks, Matthews, Stevens, Porter, Causseaux and the hostess.

**BADGERETTES.**  
The Merkel High School girls' baseball team played Grammar school's team last Wednesday afternoon and

day in November as \$1.00 Day for Reynolds Home. Evening service at 7 p. m. Session meeting Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Come worship with us.

W. M. Elliott, Supt.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**  
Better attendance at church last Lord's Day for which we are grateful and invite you to come to all the services of the church. Come yourself and encourage others to come. Everyone has an individual responsibility and that responsibility should cause us to do our full duty.

Bible study Lord's Day at 10 a. m., communion service at 11 a. m., Young Peoples' classes at 6:30 p. m., Ladies' prayer meeting Tuesday 3 p. m. and midweek prayer service and Bible study Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

In love, The Elders.  
**MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.**  
Rev. S. W. H. Buzbee will be the leader of the men's prayer service, which is to be held at the Baptist church next Sunday at 2 p. m. The subject will be the third chapter of Ephesians. Last Sunday the service was held at the Nazarene church with L. L. Murray as leader.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**  
Last Sunday being the first Sunday that was not rainy and bad, the attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel passed the 700 mark again, the total being 704. Attendance at the individual Sunday Schools, with the Methodists leading with an attendance of 292, was as follows: Baptist, 275; Church of Christ, 70; Presbyterian, 52, and Nazarene, 35.

**DR. FRANK ONDERDONK TO SPEAK AT METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY; ABILENE DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE TO CONVENE HERE IN TWO DAY SESSION BEGINNING SATURDAY.**

Dr. Frank Onderdonk of San Antonio, one of the best known evangelistic preachers of Texas Methodism and a former missionary to Mexico, who is now holding a revival at the St. Paul Methodist church in Abilene, will preach the consecration sermon at 3 p. m. next Sunday at the Methodist church here, as the closing feature of the Abilene district Epworth League meeting.

Miss Mildred Wilhite of Lueders is president of the league district and Miss Orpah Patterson of Merkel is secretary.

Registration will begin at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, followed by a business meeting at 4:45. The pep rally at 5 o'clock will be led by Lance Webb, who will also lead the song service. Rev. H. L. Thurston will direct the devotional at 5:30.

After supper Saturday at 7 o'clock, fun and fellowship will prevail under the guidance of Lou Williams.

Beginning at 7 Sunday morning with the morning watch, led by Thelma Nelson, a business session will be held at 8:30. The theme of the meeting is to be "League Labels," and at 9 o'clock Sunday morning representatives from the various leagues of the district will make talks on the labels selected. The Sunday School hour at 9:45 will be in charge of Rex Kendall and at 11 the pastor, Rev. T. C. Willett, will preach.

After lunch, the meeting will conclude with a business session at 1:30, an old-fashioned sing-song at 2:30, and the consecration service in charge of Dr. Onderdonk.

**AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.**

Good things at the Methodist church next Sunday. First is the coming of Dr. Frank Onderdonk, who has directed the work of our church among the Mexicans in Texas and Old Mexico for the last twenty years. He is one of the greatest missionary spirits in our church. He will deliver the consecration sermon for the young people of the district at 3 p. m. Sunday.

The second good thing is the district meeting of the Epworth League, which will open at 4 p. m. Saturday and close with Dr. Onderdonk's sermon Sunday afternoon. There will be

by days regular session of the legislature to 120 days and provides that the first thirty days of this session shall be given over to the introduction of bills, the second thirty days to the consideration of these bills by committees and the remainder of the session to the consideration of these bills by the legislature in open session. It is provided, however, that this order of procedure can be changed by a four-fifths vote of the members.

The confusion that attends the assembly of our state legislative bodies under the present plan is a state akin to chaos and it is small wonder that the regular session of the legislature runs its limit without being accredited with any accomplishments, scarcely ever even passing the appropriations bill. A system, provided by constitutional direction, would certainly produce a workable schedule—on the order, say, of a manufacturing plant, where the raw materials are developed into the finished product in a carefully directed series of processes.

Section two of this same amendment provides for increasing the compensation of the legislators from five dollars per day to ten dollars per day, but decreases the mileage allowance to members from twenty cents per mile in going and returning from the seat of government to ten cents per mile. It is estimated that the reduction in the mileage allowance, which has heretofore been granted in the case of each called session of the legislature and, hence, has run into large figures, will offset the increased per diem so that the net increase may be considered practically negligible.

The net increase in efficiency, with which we are more concerned, will be the advantage that outweighs the conjecture as to costs.

To conclude, the amendments concerning the legislature and the supreme court should have been proposed and adopted years ago; the other two, concerning the University lands and the investment of University funds, are of recent origin, brought about by changed conditions; the first should be adopted out of fairness to the counties in which the lands are situated, while the second is a strictly business proposition that the most conservative investor would approve.

some 200 young people from all over the district here for this meeting. They have a splendid program and the day will be crowded with good things.

The third good thing is the coming of the Presiding Elder, who will fill the pulpit at the evening hour Sunday. After his sermon he will hold our fourth and last quarterly conference for this year. This conference will hear reports from every department of the church and officials for the new year will be elected. Every member of the conference should be present. Sunday school as usual. The pastor will preach for the young people at the morning hour. Come early and stay all day.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

**HI-LEAGUE PROGRAM.**

Hymn No. 118.  
Hymn No. 148.  
Scripture, Psalm 24:18-22.  
Leader, Wanda Hunter.  
Talks:  
(1) "Christ in Poetry," Milton Shannon.  
(2) "Jesus, the Little Child," Jack Slater.  
(3) "Jesus, The Man," Mildred Richardson.  
(4) "Jesus, The Son of God," Lois Whiteley.  
Hymn No. 155.  
Prayer, Brother Willett.  
League benediction.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. There was an increase in attendance last Sunday, about thirty-five were present.

Praching each Sunday at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting each Wednesday at 7 p. m. Ladies' prayer meeting each Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.

We are expecting a large increase in attendance as the weather clears up. We are trying to bring the message of salvation to a lost world and will appreciate your presence at any of our services. There is always a warm welcome awaiting you at our church.

J. I. Northcut, Supt.  
W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Last Sunday was truly a great day at the Baptist church. Large attendance at Sunday School and at the preaching services. Our church was greatly strengthened by the addition of three adult members. Sunday at 11 a. m. my subject will be "When the Song of the Lord Begins." Friend, how long since you experienced the joy of the Lord in your soul? Come and let's see what's the matter.

At 7 p. m. I have selected as a subject "Three Great Things." Each of these things means much to both the saint and the sinner.

Sunday School at 9:45. B. Y. P. U. meets at 6 p. m. You and your friends are invited to all our services.

J. T. King, Pastor.

**INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.**

Introduction, captain, Margaret Miller.  
"Jesus Came to Save," Howard Carson.  
"How Jesus Saves," by Carroll King.

"An Understanding Friend," Thelma Matthews.  
"An Ever Present Friend," Dallas Shary.  
"A Friend Worthy of our Best Love," Lena Dean Bradshaw.  
"Our Greatest Privilege," Mrs. Miller.  
Special number, piano solo, Thelma Matthews.

Everyone is urged to be present Sunday evening at 6:30.

**W. M. S. CIRCLES.**

On account of the election next Tuesday, the circles will meet Wednesday at 3 o'clock. Elkin Lockett Circle will meet with Mrs. J. H. Ensminger; Blanche Rosa Walker circle will meet with Mrs. Charles West. The sewing, for Buckner Orphan home was postponed until November 12.

**B. A. U. PROGRAM.**

Subject—"The Church and Its Service of Worship," president in charge. Leader, Miss Coffey.  
First speaker, Mrs. J. N. Teaff.  
Second speaker, Mrs. M. E. Campbell.  
Third speaker, Mrs. King.  
Fourth speaker, Mrs. Johnson.  
Fifth speaker, Mrs. Ensminger.  
Sixth speaker, Mrs. Childress.  
Close by the president.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Be on time with a prepared lesson. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Synod suggested first Sun-

won by a score of 17 to 10. Benjamin Sheppard called the game.

The High school girls, under the training of Mr. Riddle, have become a lot better and are now manifesting a complete disrespect for first base hits.

Chagrined and determined by their defeat last Wednesday, the Grammar School girls have settled down to the training grind, hoping to secure revenge by a win over their bitter rivals sometime soon.

Caribel Mansfield ran in the highest number of scores on High School's team. Jess Higgins of High School knocked the only home run hit of the game. Thelma Patterson and Annie Lee Dubose tied for highest number of scores on the Grammar School team.

**THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.**

Just think how pleasant it is for the housewife to have that extra time each week, because she has been relieved of the drudgery of washing and ironing when you send the week's bundle of washing to the laundry. Our new location is three and one-half blocks south of Warren Higgins garage, Phone 77. Give us a trial. Thank you.

**THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.**  
Mrs. Jay, Manager.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

**MATTERS MUSICAL**

Miss Mona Margaret Jones was last week elected to membership in the Abilene Musical Coterie, a ladies chorus made up almost entirely of professional voices.

Mrs. Belle Kimbrough has returned from Fort Worth where she filled a successful singing engagement over KFJZ, also appearing once with the "Flapperettes," over WBAF.

The Merkel Methodist church quartette are appearing regularly over KFYO, Abilene, each Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 2 o'clock in a program of sacred numbers. The quartette is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee, Miss Mary Pence, Mack Buzbee and Miss Thelma McAninch, accompanist. The interested public is cordially invited to listen in each Sunday.

This Thursday evening from 6 to 6:45, the Salt Branch Quartette will render a program of sacred songs over KFYO, Abilene. Those participating in the numbers will be Houston Robertson, Mrs. O'lie Higgins, Buster Horton, Howard Garner, Hobson Robertson and V. Garner.

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<b>COMPOUND</b>	8 lb., Swift Jewel	95c
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<b>HOMINY</b>	4 small cans	25c
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<b>SPUDS</b>	peck, 15 lbs.	45c
<b>SYRUP</b>	Old Plantation, pure	65c
	Louisiana cane, gallon	65c
<b>MILK</b>	Armour's Baby, 6 cans	25c
<b>SALMON'S</b>	tall, 2 cans	25c
<b>Peanut Butter</b>	5 lb. Armours	75c
<b>SUGAR</b>	with \$1 purchase of other Merchandise, 10 lbs	50c

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residences, all utilities, close to school  
and church; known as the Hampton  
houses; \$10.00 per month. See G. W.  
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house with lights and gas; one  
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See Z. V. Moore, J. W. Latimer or  
G. I. Clinton, Trustees.

**LODGE NOTICES**

**Merkel Chapter Royal Arch  
Masons** meets on first Thurs-  
day night of each month. Visi-  
tors cordially invited

Joe Hartley, H. P.  
C. L. Boswell, Sec'y.

Stated Meeting of  
Merkel Lodge No. 710  
A. F. & A. M. Satur-  
day night, 8 p. m.  
Members urged to  
attend. Visitors wel-  
come.

Andy Shouse, W. M.  
C. L. Boswell, Sec'y.

**Zone Meeting at Trent.**  
Attending the meeting of the West  
Zone of the Woman's Missionary  
society of the Methodist church at  
Trent Thursday were Mrs. T. V.  
Touchstone, who is zone leader, and  
Mesdames R. A. Burgess, E. C. Rich-  
ards, T. M. Allday, H. M. Rainbolt  
and T. C. Willett and Miss Mos-  
sie Sears. An all-day meeting was  
held, each of the ladies bringing a  
"dish" for lunch.

**Fire Causes Slight Damage.**  
At 8:30 Wednesday morning, fire  
in the W. F. Patterson home, one block  
outh of the railroad, resulted in a  
small loss to the furniture, most of  
the damage being from water. The fire  
is thought to have started from a gas  
stove and the damage was confined  
almost entirely to the living room  
furniture, according to Mr. Patter-  
son's statement. Mrs. A. M. Daugh-  
ty, who keeps house for Mr. Patter-  
son, was the only one at home at the  
time the fire was discovered.

**Injured in Auto Collision.**  
A collision between two cars on  
the Bankhead Highway near Pete  
White's filling station about 6:30  
Thursday afternoon, Reese Hall sus-  
tained two bad gashes across his  
head, while three boys from Roscoe,  
who were driving the other car, re-  
ceived minor injuries.

Smith county with 6,907 has more  
lividial farms than any other coun-  
ty in Texas. Eight other counties have  
more than 6,000 farms.

Office supplies—Mail office.

**Ft. Worth Livestock**

Fort Worth, Texas, Oct. 30.—Wed-  
nesday's market in the cattle division  
lacked activity, and the movement to  
the scales was the slowest of the three-  
day period. Packers were bidding low-  
er on everything from the outset, but  
outside buyers were purchasing canner  
cows and fat calves at steady prices.  
The market closed generally 25c low-  
er on steers, fat cows and calves.  
Yearlings and bulls remained about  
steady. Receipts were liberal, about  
5,100 head of cattle and 2,000 calves  
showing up with 600 head of cattle,  
through billed, included.

An exceptionally slow deal prevailed  
for beef steers and it was late before  
anything was being cashed in. Sales  
were within a general range of \$4.50  
to \$7.60.

Fat cows sold in package lots up to  
\$5.00, with single head reaching \$5.50;  
Canners and cutters brought \$2.50 to  
\$3.25, mostly.

Heifers and yearlings were scarce.  
A sale of heifers was made at \$10.00.  
Good to choice bulls brought \$4.00  
to \$4.50, the fair to medium kinds  
went at \$3.50 to \$3.75 and the common  
grades sold at \$3.00 to \$3.25.

Packers bought most of their good,  
heavy calves at \$5.50 to \$6.00.

Stocker trading ruled fairly active,  
and all kinds remained steady. Steers  
were scarce, with a few deals at \$5.50  
to \$6.50. A car of young cows went at  
\$5.00. Good to choice calves made  
\$7.25 to \$8.00.

Hogs lost 10c to 15c. Two cars  
brought \$9.35. The best truckers  
notched \$9.30. Sows reached \$7.75.  
Receipts amounted to 800 head.

Some aged wethers, going at \$4.35,  
brought a strong price. Nothing else  
of much importance was on offer in  
the sheephouse. Receipts were limited  
to 700 head.

**Cattle Movement.**

Last Saturday, W. S. J. Brown, re-  
presenting the John Sears estate, sold  
six registered Hereford bulls to V. P.  
Tippett, which were shipped to his  
ranch at Midland, Texas.

**Cotton Receipts.**

A total of 2,461 bales is the record  
up to Thursday noon of cotton receipts  
for this season at Merkel. Of this  
number, the railroad has shipped 2-  
273 bales, according to the report of  
Agent Childress, while 198 bales re-  
main in the cotton yard. Receipts by  
Public Weigher Houston Robertson  
have reached 1,374 bales, while Aus-  
tin Robertson, Co-op representative,  
has received 802 bales, the remaining  
number being brought from outside  
sources for shipment from Merkel.  
Only 72 bales were received during  
the past week.

**BUSINESS AS USUAL.**

(Los Angeles Times.)  
Our national resources are as great  
today as they were last year. Our  
great business organizations are in  
strong financial condition and our in-  
dustrial plants are at the highest  
state of efficient development. Credit  
is abundant. With the exception of  
the difficulties that have arisen as a  
result of the drastic deflation of com-  
modity prices, the business horizon is  
reasonably clear. All that is lacking  
is courageous and intelligent effort  
and confidence in the future of the  
country. We all know that the pres-  
ent period cannot long endure, yet  
many good citizens are hesitant and  
wait for others to show their courage  
and initiative. If everybody would get  
into the swim they would all realize  
how fine it is.

**Texas To Get U. S. Pen.**

El Paso, Oct. 30.—A new federal  
prison costing \$400,000 may be located  
northwest of El Paso near the New  
Mexico state line. Sanford Bates, di-  
rector of federal prisons, has announ-  
ced.

**Roosevelt Asks Cots.**

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 30.—Governor  
Roosevelt has requested authorization  
of the war department for the use of  
1,000 cots and blankets should it be-  
come necessary to throw open the state  
armories to shelter unemployed this  
winter.

**Memphis Uses Five-Day Week.**

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 30.—The five-  
day week has been inaugurated by the  
engineering department of the city of  
Memphis to avoid discharging any  
workers in a program of retrenchment.  
Carpenters, mechanics and painters  
are involved.

**Holds Funeral at Rotan.**

W. G. Cypert was called to Rotan  
Monday afternoon to preach the fune-  
ral services for C. C. Ramby, who  
died in a sanitarium at Abilene Sun-  
day afternoon at 5 o'clock. Brother  
Ramby was 75 years of age and had  
lived in Fisher county since 1881.

The guest of honor at a dinner is  
seated at the right of the host and  
the second in importance at the left  
of the host.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail

**Local Teachers Go  
Hundred Per Cent in  
State Association**

There are something over forty  
thousand teachers in the state of Tex-  
as. Most of these are organized into  
the Texas State Teachers' association  
with headquarters at Fort Worth,  
Texas. Each year the association has  
a general meeting, which is this year  
to be held in Houston. The attendance  
is expected to be unusually large this  
year due to the fact that such notable  
speakers are to be on the program.  
Dr. Judd of Chicago University, Dr.  
Strayer of Columbia University,  
Stefansson, the arctic explorer, and  
others are to appear on the program.  
The association meets on Thanksgiv-  
ing and the Friday and Saturday fol-  
lowing in the city of Houston.

Merkel teachers have made it 100  
per cent in membership this fall. The  
following teachers have enrolled as  
members in the association for the  
coming year:

Primary grades—Mrs. B. B. Shel-  
ton, Mrs. Holland Teaff, Miss Alzada  
Pogue, Miss Evelyn Curb, Mrs. Jack  
Anderson, Miss Vennie Heizer, Miss  
Imogene Hayes, Miss Orpah Patter-  
son.

Intermediate grades—Miss Opal  
Sloan, Mrs. R. B. Irvin, Miss Carrie  
Coffey, Mr. Ralph Duke, Mrs. Clesby  
Patterson, Mrs. Len Sublett.

High school—Miss Julia Martin,  
Miss Helen Patterson, Mr. T. D. Rid-  
dle, Miss Hazel Williams, Miss Lucy  
Tracy, Mr. R. Briggs Irvin.

Roger A. Burgess, superintendent,  
(life member.)

**Colorado Barred**

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Toombs, Mashburn; guards, Baker,  
Collins; center, Middleton; halves,  
Wilson, Sheppard; quarter, Darsey,  
captain; full, Tucker.

Substitutes—Vickers for Sheppard;  
Bush for Coates;

Referee, McClure (Abilene) umpire,  
Ammons (Stanton); head linesman,  
Riddle (Merkel); field judge, Derrick  
(Merkel.)

**PEP SQUAD ACTIVE.**

Before the game, during the game  
and filling in the intermission between  
halves, the Pep Squad under the lead-  
ership of Sis Boaz, assisted by Mattie-  
lou Largent and Lois Clark, backed  
the Badgers with all manner of en-  
couragement and enthusiasm, justifi-  
ing their right to the name, "Pep  
Squad," and then some.

Assembly Friday morning at  
the High School featured a wedding  
ceremony, carrying out the football  
motif, and presenting Sis Boaz, yell  
leader, as the bride with Captain Joel  
Darsey as the groom. Joel was garbed  
in full football togs, while the bride  
was attired in her Pep Squad suit.  
Instead of the bridal bouquet, she car-  
ried a football with purple and gold  
streamers. Mattielou Largent, as maid  
of honor, and Lois Clark, as brides-  
maid, wore sweaters and purple skirts.  
As the bride's father, Paul Collins  
gave her away, while Fred Baker was  
best man. Howard Carson was ring  
bearer.

As a prenuptial song, Lois Clark,  
Mary Elizabeth Grimes and Thelma  
Leach sang "Following You," dedica-  
ted to the football boys. This was fol-  
lowed by a violin number by Lynn  
McSpadden, with Thelma Leach ac-  
companied. The bride entered as a  
trio, Thelma Leach, piano, Lynn Mc-  
Spadden, violin, and Cecil Clark, clar-  
inet, played "Here Comes the Bride."  
While the vows were being given, the  
Pep Squad sang "Pep, Pep, Pep."

Coach Irvin officiated as the marry-  
ing parson. Unique vows were pledged  
by the groom to be true to his bride  
in every football game, to promise to  
make a touchdown when the bride  
leads that good old Pep Squad down  
the sidelines, to promise to take her to  
every game that she wishes to see in  
after years, when other Badgers have  
succeeded the 1930 gang; in return,  
the bride pledged not to let anything  
separate her from her husband ex-  
cept a football game in which the  
groom was playing, to make biscuits  
that would digest before the next  
game, and not to bake chocolate cakes  
and pies, but to cook him red beans  
and such other foods that would de-  
velop the football man.

As the ceremony concluded with the  
words of the parson, pronouncing  
them man and wife, the Pep Squad  
burst into that always appropriate  
song, "Those Wedding Bells are  
Breaking up That Old Gang of Mine."

Former students, Lee Darden, Mis-  
sie Dye and William Sheppard were  
called on for short talks during the  
assembly hour.

**ALL STARS WIN.**

In a game Monday afternoon, be-  
tween the all-stars of Stith and Nood-  
le, many of whom were ex-Badgers,  
the all-stars defeated the Badgers 13  
to 0.

Texas produced 34,285,000 pounds  
of dairy products in 1929, exclusive  
of 5,683,000 gallons of ice cream.

**City Manager Plan Is  
Retained By Big Vote**

Sweetwater, Oct. 30.—Sweetwater  
is to retain its city manager form of  
government.

In a special election here Friday, a  
proposed amendment to the city char-  
ter asking repeal of the city manager  
section was defeated by a vote of 693  
to 169.

The election concludes a four weeks  
campaign in which those favoring  
and opposing the proposed amendment  
were equally active.

The commission-manager form of  
government was approved by Sweet-  
water citizens three years ago, by a  
vote of 515 to 205.

**Will Preach at Trent.**

W. G. Cypert will preach at the  
Church of Christ at Trent next Sun-  
day at 11 o'clock. All are invited to  
hear him.

The five largest colleges in the  
United States in point of enrollment  
are: Columbia university, New York  
city; New York university, New York  
city; University of California at  
Berkeley; University of the City of  
Detroit, at Detroit, and Boston uni-  
versity, Boston.

Rio Grande Valley fruit and vege-  
table shipments during the season just  
closed totaled 28,113 carloads or 4-  
000 greater than in any previous sea-  
son. Total value is estimated at \$22-  
000,000 or almost twice the total of  
any previous year.

Texas is expected to produce 4-  
275,000 bales of cotton this season, al-  
most one-third of the American total.  
Mississippi second cotton state, is es-  
timated at 1,660,000 bales.

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TOILET TISSUE, good quality, 6 rolls	25c
BEANS, Pinto re-cleaned, 15 lbs.	\$1.00
APPLES, large delicious, each	4c
CRANBERRIES, nice, fresh stock, 1 lb.	20c
SPUDS, No. 1 Idaho's, 10 lbs.	30c
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### To Install Printing Plant At State Penitentiary

Austin, Oct. 30.—A scope much broader than doing mere prison system printing and binding will be the aim of the printing shop to be installed at the Huntsville penitentiary within the next few weeks, it was said Wednesday by Fred E. Horton, Greenville publisher and member of the prison board with the assignment of carrying out the plans for the printing establishment.

The board gave Mr. Horton \$20,000 of the general appropriation for new industries at Huntsville and Nov. 18 bids will be opened to purchase approximately \$14,000 of printing equipment to be added to the plant already in operation. The bids will come to the board of control and Mr. Horton conferred with the board's expert printer, John W. Bailey, regarding the plans.

Mr. Horton and Mr. Bailey Wednesday inspected the small but modern bindery operated at the University of Texas and such a plant will be added at Huntsville.

No commercial printing will be attempted, Mr. Horton said, but every effort will be made to do all of the state printing, which runs into hundreds of thousands of dollars annually. Another item of state business

which the prison plant will seek will be rebinding and reconditioning school-books. This work costs a large sum annually and means the salvaging of many books provided free by the state. A San Antonio firm holds the contract now.

The plant will not only be a saving to the state, Mr. Horton said, but will be used to teach young first-term prisoners a trade. He pointed out that in some prisons he visited he found men who could hardly read and write who were trained in the prison printing plant and are now making good wages on typesetting machines. The binding and printing of the prison newspaper will also provide an opportunity for giving prisoners training in making a living when they are discharged.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

### 15 Texas Counties Pass 40,000 Bales

Washington, Oct. 30.—The United States bureau reports 9,252,001 running bales of cotton ginned to October 18, against 9,094,704 in the same period last year.

Texas shows 3,051,580 bales this year, compared with 2,816,448 last year.

Fifteen Texas counties had ginned more than 40,000 bales of cotton each prior to October 1, preliminary figures announced by the department of commerce disclosed.

The figures did not include linters and counted round as half bales.

The counties with the largest ginings were Bell, 45,553 bales; Collins, 50,662; DeWitt, 41,710; Ellis, 44,601; Falls, 50,825; Fort Bend, 56,076; Hunt, 44,314; Karnes, 63,683; Mc-

Lennan, 42,318; Milam, 43,214; Navarro, 51,118; Nueces, 146,497; San Patricio, 53,942; Wharton, 63,375; and Williamson, 81,225. All except Ellis, McLennan, Navarro and San Patricio counties showed increases over the corresponding date in 1929.

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### Ranch Grove Almost Halts New Rail Line

San Angelo, Oct. 30.—A grove of cottonwood trees on the Mead Wilson ranch, 40 miles south of Alpine, recently threatened to delay the progress of a trans-continental railroad.

The grove was planted nearly a quarter of a century ago on the original survey of the Santa Fe railroad's Orient line from Alpine to Presidio, which will be opened Nov. 1. The trees, pride of Mr. Wilson, president of the Marfa State bank, grew with the rapidity characteristic of the cottonwood. When the railroad sought to follow its original survey, Wilson declared the trees must not be disturbed.

Hence the Santa Fe, rather than bother with the delay of court litigation, built its line around the grove, making one of the few detours of this

kind in the history of American railroad building. Wilson's trees remain to break the monotony of that peopleless country with its seeming endless prairies dotted with castle-like mountain of rocks.

Long dozen is a popular name given to 13, also known as a baker's dozen.

### TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.



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# POULTRY

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## Not Necessary to Build Expensive Building for Hens.

There is nothing that will have a greater influence on the poultryman's success or failure than the way in which he houses his birds, declares O. C. Ufford, extension poultryman for the Colorado Agricultural college.

The shed-type poultry house built deep is the safest and most satisfactory for Colorado conditions because it is economical, warm, dry and comfortable when properly built, Mr. Ufford says in a recent well illustrated bulletin, "An Improved Poultry House for Colorado Flocks," copies of which may be obtained by writing to the college.

It is not necessary to build an expensive laying house, the bulletin states. The cost need not exceed \$2 per hen when the best materials are used, and it is possible to put up a satisfactory building in some localities at a much lower cost.

Poultry houses should be constructed to make use of the abundance of sunshine, especially during the winter months when it is most needed. A concrete floor built at least six inches above the highest point of ground nearby to eliminate moisture is recommended.

The shed-type of laying house is the most comfortable and economical when built 20, 22 or 24 feet deep, with not over a 9-foot front wall and a rear wall 5 1/2 feet high, it is stated. Windows along the back under the dropping boards.

Openings 3 1/2 to 4 feet square placed across the front of the house will provide ample sunshine when and where it is most needed.

Muslin is warm and cheap and is preferred over glass in the front of laying houses, the bulletin states. Numerous details of construction are explained and illustrated for the benefit of men and women interested in improved poultry houses.

## Too Much Mineral for Chickens Is Mistake

Tests made by L. E. Cagd of the University of Illinois indicate that it is a mistake to feed too much mineral mixtures to chickens. One lot of chicks was fed on a ration of 60 parts yellow corn meal, 20 parts soy bean oil meal, 13 parts wheat middlings, 1 part salt, 2 parts cod liver oil, 2 parts steamed bonemeal, and 2 parts ground limestone. These chicks averaged 253 grams in weight at six weeks. A similar lot receiving the same ration, except 4 parts steamed bonemeal instead of 2 parts, weighed only 212 grams at the same age. Another lot receiving the same ration, but 4 parts ground limestone, instead of 2 parts, weighed only 187 grams at six weeks of age.

## Dependable Source of Income in Choice Hens

During the past few years every section of the country has suffered from the sudden and severe decline in the price level of most farm products. For this reason, it is rather significant that in the Middle West where the agricultural depression has been the most acute, poultry and egg prices have remained firm. This, more than any other factor, has caused farmers to realize that a standard bred, high producing flock of chickens properly handled, is a dependable source of income and that poultry keeping compares favorably with any other farm activity.

## Poultry Facts

In the United States last year 46,500 eggs were laid for every minute.

Dead chicks pay no bills. Use of clean practices means more live chicks and better profits. Sanitation will save one more chick in five than will live under dirty conditions.

Exposure to cold, damp or drafts, aids materially in bringing on roup among the chickens.

Don't wash eggs. Keep them from becoming dirty by having plenty of nests, keeping the hen house clean and gathering the eggs often.

Lice are more numerous and active in hot weather. To curb their activities apply nicotine-sulphate in full strength to the top of the perches before the birds go to roost.

A chicken sent to the Kentucky experiment station for post-mortem was found to have 2,511 internal parasites. To wonder the chicken died.

Drugs are useless in the control of oedidiosis among chickens. At the first symptoms of the disease the birds should be placed on a heavy milk diet.

The late maturing turkeys that would not dress out as number ones at Thanksgiving because of lack of size, may be confined and fed heavily on corn for the coming holidays.

# DAIRY FACTS

BALANCED RATION  
NEEDED BY COWS

## Animal Must Be Supplied Right Amount of Feed.

The claim that any proprietary feed is a scientifically balanced ration is absurd. A balanced ration is one which supplies the animal with exactly the right amount of food and in which the different classes of nutrients are supplied in the proportions in which they are needed by the animal. Before a grain mixture can intelligently be prescribed which will supply even an approximation of a balanced ration to a dairy cow, the amount and character of the available roughage (hay, pasture, stover, silage, etc.) must be known; also the approximate production of the animal. A grain mixture balanced for feeding with clover or alfalfa hay and silage would no longer be balanced if the legume hay were replaced by timothy, or if the silage were discontinued. When it is realized that a 1,000-pound cow producing 20 pounds of average milk requires three times as much protein and twice as much total food material as she would need when dry or that when producing 40 pounds, her requirement would be five times as much protein and three times as much total food; or that when producing 60 pounds of average milk, her requirement would be seven times as much protein and four times as much total food as she would need when dry, the importance of production as a factor in balancing rations can be readily understood. The preceding brief statement will also serve to show that the heavy producing cow must have a much higher proportion of protein in her food than the lighter producer. A ration which is balanced for the light producer would be entirely inadequate and out of balance for the heavy producer, while one that was balanced for the latter would be out of balance and wasteful, especially of protein if fed even in reduced amount to a light producer or a dry cow.

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## Overfeeding Dairy Cows May Bring on Sterility

There is a tendency on some dairy farms to feed too much high protein grain to dairy cows, with the result that they have to be sent to the butcher within two or three years because of udder trouble or failure to breed.

If such practices meant increased profits, dairymen would be justified in following them; but such is not the case. There is too much money spent for grain, too little attention paid to the raising of the right kind of hay, and too heavy depreciation on the cows.

The average lifetime of the cows in a herd should be five years, or five milking periods. When cows are fed properly they will calf every year, if there is no abortion in the herd, and produce well year after year. In other words, we will get the most milk from a herd of cows over a period of five years when the amount of grain fed is not too heavy, and when the grain ration fits the roughage fed. If we want a cow to stay in our herd any length of time, we must be careful not to overfeed her.

## Strippings Are Richer Than Entire Milking

It is known that the strippings from a cow are richer than the entire milking. The difference is found to be in the fat only, the remainder of the milk remains the same. Seven cows tested by the writer averaged 1.8 fat in the first milk and 6.2 per cent in the last draw.

The variation from the first to the last is more with the heavily milking cow than one producing but a small amount. The practical value of these facts is to make clear the importance of getting the strippings in order to have the highest testing milk. The last pint is equal to the first two quarts in fat content.—C. H. Eckles.

## Pasture Required for Dairy Cow During Year

Under the method of pasture management still in general use, it requires two to two and one-half acres of pasture for each dairy cow or fattening steer, and even then in the case of dairy cows the pasture must be heavily supplemented by mill feeds and concentrates. During the past few years many experiments were conducted with a view to finding a remedy for this condition, and now a system has been evolved which offers great advantages to the dairyman as well as to the farmer who specializes in beef cattle and sheep.

## Shelter for Calves

Calves should have a warm shed to "keep the hump out of their backs" this winter, according to C. W. McDonald of Iowa state college at Ames. Such care will prevent colds, lung fever and scours. A well bedded open south shed will provide the protection at a minimum of cost. A ration of grain and good legume roughage will furnish the necessary feed for growth and put the calf into condition for spring pasture or for the feedlot as the case may be.

## McMurry Head Desires To Return to Ministry

Abilene, Oct. 30.—James Winford Hunt, D. D., founder and president of McMurry college, a Methodist senior college located here, has asked the board of trustees to relieve him of the presidential duties so that he can return to the active ministry, it became known Thursday night.

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**Trent News and Personal Notes**

Mr. Andrew Archer of Dallas spent a few days here last week visiting his mother, Mrs. John Archer, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Terry, who recently moved to Clyde, spent last Saturday here, attending to business and seeing old friends.

Miss Magdalene Payne was home from Okla. to spend the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pass and little daughter spent Sunday visiting relatives here.

Mesdames Burgess, Moore and Allen of Merkel visited friends here Saturday.

Sweet and Mrs. Truman Kent of Sweetwater were week-end guests of relatives.

Jack Bowers, who is attending school at Abilene, spent the week-end with home folks.

Mrs. Vernon Adams of Fort Worth was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. Hale McRee.

O. L. Bishop and J. P. Stevens made a business trip to Lamesa the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Edwards were Hamlin visitors Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Winn had as her guests Sunday her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English, Mr. and Mrs. Boots Brown and Jeff English of Hermleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale McRee and little daughter, Virginia Cloe, visited in Fort Worth from Saturday till Monday.

Everyone is invited to the Halloween program at the school auditorium Friday night.

**QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.**

Next Sunday, November 2nd, Rev. E. E. White, presiding elder of the Abilene district, will preach at the Methodist church in Trent at 11 a. m.

To those who have heard him it is not necessary to urge that you be present if you love the gospel in truth and sincerity. To the community we extend an urgent invitation to come worship with us at that hour, and at each succeeding service.

At 2:30 p. m. the session of the fourth quarterly conference will convene at the church. This will be our last conference for this conference year. At this conference officials for the church for the ensuing year will be nominated and elected. It is very important that all present officials be present, and all others who are interested in the advancement of the Kingdom.

The pastor will preach at the evening hour, 7 p. m. Sunday School will convene at 10 a. m. Let every member be present and on time.

The time of year has come when we may reasonably expect many bad rainy Sundays. So let us decide now to miss no services on account of the weather. We attend to all other affairs of life during inclement weather as in fair; surely then we cannot be indifferent to the greatest interest of life. Don't miss a Sunday in the next twelve months.

**To Reduce Acreage**

(Continued from Page One.)

A barbecue luncheon was served at noon and the visiting bankers were guests of Garrett at a dinner at night.

**Vargas Is Selected Provisional President By Brazilian Leaders**

Rio De Janeiro, Oct. 23.—Getulio Vargas, leading figure in the Brazilian revolution which began October 3, was chosen Tuesday for the provisional presidency of Brazil.

He will succeed Washington Luis, ousted by a movement of military and naval leaders last Friday.

The choice was made Tuesday afternoon at a meeting of southern revolutionary representatives with the military-naval junta.

Vargas now is the only important rebel leader not in the capital, for Captain Juarez Tavora arrived by airplane from the north and was given a wild welcome.

The captain, who organized and conducted the revolution in nine northern states, was reported a few days ago to be suspicious of the Rio junta but said he was willing to cooperate when he learned Vargas would take the presidency.

Vargas has ordered a special train made ready by the central railroad and soon will come north, it is understood, leading a triumphal entry of southern revolutionary soldiers into the capital.

Rio was quiet Tuesday following the military police mutiny of the previous day in which more than 100 casualties were reported, and the policing of the banking district was taken over by sailors.

**UNION RIDGE NEWS**

Mrs. Hubert Harris and daughter, Maimie Lee, have returned from Levelland.

Messes Ruby and Nina Skidmore of Golan were the guests of Miss Mary Bell Douglas Sunday.

Rev. U. S. Sherrill filled his appointment Sunday, which was his last appointment for this annual conference year.

Mr. and Mrs. Price and family of south Merkel and Mrs. O. E. Skidmore of Golan were the Sunday guests of Mrs. M. A. Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch and family of South Merkel were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Douglas and Miss Lucille Jane were shopping in Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson of Noelle were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Harris.

Messrs. Lin Chappel and J. A. Douglas of Sidney, Texas, were visitors in this community the latter part of last week.

We are glad to have a goodly number out for Sunday School and church last Sunday. Visitors are welcome at any time. Everyone is urged to remember that next Sunday is church day at the Baptist church.

Rev. Mr. Sherrill was the dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Shelton, while Mr. and Mrs. Shelton of Merkel were also guests at the same time.

**October Rainfall Six Inches.** Beginning about 3 o'clock Tuesday morning another good rain fell here, measuring about one-half of an inch, according to the record of volunteer Weather Observer B. M. Black. This makes a total of six inches for October and, including the September rainfall, brings the total since September 8 up to ten inches.

**Honor Roll**

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*First Grade, Mrs. Shelton.*  
Roy Owens, 98; Louise Patterson, 94; Thelma Joe Rutledge, 93; Earl Mashburn, 93.

*First Grade, Mrs. Teaff.*  
Doris Gay West, 97; Homer Tye, Jr., 95.

*Second Grade, Miss Pogue.*  
T. D. Compton, Jr., 91; Euvalda Fox, 91; Helen Heeter, 91; Guy Manscill, 91.

*Second Grade, Miss Curb.*  
Don Wood, 92; Burt Alden Reeves, 92; Mary Belle Richard, 92; Joe Glenn Wells, 90; J. C. Thomas, 90.

*Third Grade, Miss Heizer.*  
Mary Jo Russell, 96; Don Warren, 96; Billy Wood, 96; Mary Nell Morgan, 94; W. I. Wozencraft, 93; Frances Owen, 93; John Willett, 93; Ralph Russell, 93; Edgar Tipton, 92.

*Third Grade, Mrs. Anderson.*  
Comora Hughes, 90; Verne Moore, 90; Pearl Mathews, 90; Mable Murry, 90.

*Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes.*  
Jannell Black, 94; Marvin Hunter, 94; Dana Derstine, 93; Emogene Huskey, 92; Preston Dickinson, 91; Frank Dye, 91; Dorothea Sue Bird, 91; Doris Diltz, 91; Mary Jo Garland, 91; Francis Higgins, 91; Billie George Gant, 90; Allie Lois Bryan, 90.

*Fourth Grade, Miss Patterson.*  
Charles Andy Shouse, 94; James Jay, 93; Hollis Perry, 93; Charles Iddings, 92.

*Fifth Grade, Miss Sloan.*  
Morris Wozencraft, 94; Lawrence Thornton, 91; De La Vergne Teague, 90; Joe Young, 90.

*Fifth Grade, Miss Coffey.*  
Altie Grayson, 92; Robt. Grimes, Jr., 92; Laverne Hughes, 91; Betty Lou Grimes, 90; Murphy Dye, 90.

*Sixth Grade, Mrs. Touchstone.*  
Mollye Frank Touchstone, 94; Harold Morgan, 92.

*Sixth Grade, Mrs. Irwin.*  
Juanita Huskey, 95; Mabel Maddox, 92; Ora Derrick, 92; Opal Buzbee, 90.

*Seventh Grade, Ralph Duke.*  
Ethelde Tucker, 95; Jackie Slater, 92; J. V. Patterson, 91; Robbie Walker, 90; Louise Toombs, 90.

*Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett.*  
Thelma Mathews, 93; Marion Delmer, 92; Milton Hokit, 91; Annie Lee Dubose, 91; Mary Helen Lancaster, 91; Jesse Margaret Berry, 91; Billie Bernice Gambill, 90; Ima Ruth Brown, 90; Lois Beasley, 90.

There is only one negro member of the United States congress. He is Oscar De Priest, republican from Chicago.

**Personal Mention**

Miss Ona Johnson returned Monday from a trip to the Dallas Fair.

Ed Scott of Austin left Wednesday after visiting in the J. L. Banner home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reagh have as their guest his nephew, C. V. Whatley, of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Brubeck from Eldorado are guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

Mrs. W. G. Cybert returned Tuesday night from a visit with her children in Port Arthur.

Loring Hamblet, who is employed at Max Mellinger's, spent Sunday with his wife at Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger and sons spent Sunday visiting his brother and family at Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Poe and Mr. and Mrs. Max Ribble of Abilene were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fugat.

W. J. Shannon returned Tuesday night from an extended visit to Memphis and Columbia, Tenn. He visited his son in Memphis.

Wilkes Holden has returned from Lubbock, where he has been visiting his cousin, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Holden, and his aunt, Mrs. M. A. Wood.

D. and Mrs. H. P. Hulce and children and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey drove over to the Wade Darseys Sunday with the San Angelo.

Mrs. Ernest Faucett arrived Wednesday from Los Angeles to visit her parents. Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brian. Her father, Mr. O'Brian, is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Owens and daughter Miss Lucille, of Slaton stopped over here Friday to visit awhile in the J. L. Banner home en route to San Angelo.

Mrs. V. E. Tippett and children drove over from San Angelo for the week-end, bringing with them her mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown, who had been her guest there.

Mr. and Mrs. Tem Brown left Thursday for their home in Lubbock after visiting his brother, Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown, and his mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown.

Ben F. Bird will leave Saturday to attend the district convention of the American Legion at Mineral Wells. He will accompany M. W. Carrioco, post commander of the Parramore Post, Abilene.

Floyd Dowell is now in the W. O. W. sanatorium at San Antonio, having

been carried there Wednesday in Homer Patterson's car. Besides Mr. Patterson, he was accompanied by his father, N. A. Dowell, and Joe Owens.

Guy Garland, ensign on the U. S. battleship Wyoming for the past year, who has been promoted to the aviation, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garland, for ten days. He will report November 6 to Pensacola, Fla.

The latest report from Mrs. Gene Hargrove of Abilene, whose back was broken in an automobile accident near Post some two weeks ago, is that she is getting along fine. Mrs. Hargrove is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Campbell had the pleasure last Sunday of entertaining John Allen and son of Rotan. Mr. Allen and Mr. Campbell were old neighbors in Campbellsville, Tenn. F. W. Jones of Artesia, Calif., spent

the week-end in home. Mrs. T. J. Toombs left Tuesday, Alamogordo, New Mexico, to visit her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mose Cauthen. Her son, L. T., had been here on a visit and she accompanied him on his return to New Mexico, where he is employed.

Dr. M. Armstrong, who went to Los Angeles, Calif., last week with his wife, Mrs. Florence Robinson, of Spring, Mrs. Florence Robinson, of Spring, has written to his wife that his sister's condition is considered quite serious and he would remain there several days longer.

**Ireland Is Reappointed.**

Washington, Oct. 30.—President Hoover reappointed Major General Merritt W. Ireland as surgeon-general of the army. Ireland's third consecutive four-year term expires Oct. 30.

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