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HOLDING OF COTTON PLEGGED BY BANKERS OF SOUTHERN STATES

**Movement Means Withholding
2,000,000 Bales of Texas Crop;
Plan to Withdraw 7,000,000
Bales Nearing Goal.**

Dallas, Oct. 22.—With bankers' associations of nine other southern states pledging their co-operation in the cotton relief plan approved by Texas bankers here Tuesday, local leaders of the cotton holding movement were at work Wednesday to obtain pledges from bankers of this state to hold 2,000,000 bales off the market in Texas in keeping with the general movement to withhold a total of 7,000,000 bales. Telegrams telling of support voted the plan at meetings Tuesday were received by Nathan Adams, Dallas banker and leader in the movement, from the Bankers' Associations of Oklahoma, Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, North Carolina and Tennessee.

Dallas, center of the movement since Nathan Adams, local banker, first proposed the plan, was the scene Tuesday of three meetings dovetailing together for the improvement of business conditions so largely dependent upon cotton. Nearly 300 leading bankers of the state, meeting at the call of President J. W. Hoopes of the Texas Bankers' Association, voted full support to the cotton plan, with machinery for its operation being put into operation Tuesday afternoon. Clearing house bank heads also discussed Dallas' part in the National Credit Corporation, and Texas cotton men, called together by C. O. Moser, president of the National Co-operative Council, considered formation of a south-wide cotton organization of growers, ginners, cotton seed crushers and spinners.

Due to the fact that Texas is by far the largest cotton-raising state, the program in this state is by far the most ambitious of any of the cotton-raising commonwealths. It is expected that Texas bankers will agree to keep off the market until July 1, 1932, about 2,000,000 bales. This compares with an estimated total of 369,000 for Mississippi, 350,000 for Georgia, 250,000 for Oklahoma, 158,700 for Louisiana, 116,666 for Alabama and slightly more than 250,000 from South Carolina, North Carolina, Arkansas, Tennessee and Florida together, a total of 3,494,366 bales. Florida, although holding no meeting, already had telegraphed a pledge of its moral support in the program. It raises comparatively little cotton.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Shannon, Trent, Friday, October 16, 1931.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wheeler, Monday, October 19, 1931.

ALLDAY NAMED AS CHAIRMAN OF FIRE PREVENTION BOARD

Tom Allday was elected president of the Merkel Fire Prevention board at a meeting Monday night at the city hall at which organization was perfected in keeping with the ordinance passed by the city council at its meeting October 9th and published in the Merkel Mail in its last issue.

Other officers are: J. T. Darsey, Jr., vice president, and Miss Alleyne Riley, secretary-treasurer.

The complete personnel of the board, according to city ordinance, includes W. O. Boney, Miss Pauline Johnson, Mat Dillingham as president of the Lions club, City Fire Marshal W. L. Burns and Chief N. A. Dowell of fire department.

Mayor W. M. Elliott presided at the organization meeting and an interested number were present.

Merkel-Anson Game Has Local Setting

The Badger Weekly, which, by the way, appears for the first time this year in this week's issue of The Mail carries the announcement of the Merkel-Anson game to be played this Friday at 3:30 on the local field.

This is the first time the two teams have met this season and, in view of the steady development of power and scoring ability on the part of the Badgers, they can be counted on for a good showing on this occasion.

October Rainfall Over Five and Half Inches

In ten days the rainfall in Merkel has totalled 5.67 inches, according to the records of Volunteer Weather Observer B. M. Black.

Within about two hours Wednesday afternoon Merkel was visited with heavy rains, the precipitation totalling an even inch. Then it cleared and the sun shone an hour or more during the afternoon.

Accompanied by sensational lightning displays and peals of thunder, the rain re-visited this section beginning about midnight Wednesday, and up until 9 o'clock Thursday morning, another one and seven-eighths had fallen. This week's total of 2.87 added to last week's 2.8 inches brings the October rainfall here to 5.67 inches.

Four Sets of Twins.

Markle, Ind., Oct. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Clark, living near here, are parents of four sets of twins, in addition to three other children, the oldest being nine. Three of the sets are boys. Clark hopes that his children will form an orchestra.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, October 20, 1911.)

B-J auto barbers; bath, rub, shine and close shave in the price for our work. —Phone 202.

Paul K. Cranford of the F. and M. National bank was a Dallas visitor the first of the week.

G. D. Harris, better known as Monkey Harris, left on a business trip the latter part of last week for Memphis.

J. F. Shaffer has bought the beautiful home of R. A. Miller, the deal being negotiated last week by V. B. Walters, one of our local real estate men.

Miss Inez Sharp, who is teaching in the Campbell school near Trent, accompanied the Merkel teachers to Abilene to attend the institute.

C. R. Horten was a T. and P. passenger to the Fair this week.

The following attended the "101 Show" at Sweetwater: Wesley Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. L. Brown, Misses May Derstine, Lizzie Maye Freeman, Laura Jennings and Mrs. J. M. Pate.

Miss Gertrude Thornton, who is employed by the West Texas Hardware Co., left Sunday to attend the State Fair at Dallas.

Mrs. W. A. Scott spent Saturday in Abilene where she went to get dental work done.

There was a big crowd here to see the Campbell Bros. Show Friday and all our local business people report a good business.

Mrs. J. B. Bell left Saturday for Dallas to visit her son, J. A. Bell, and wife and attend the Fair.

Mrs. O. F. McMasters and mother, Mrs. Pickrel, arrived here Wednesday evening from Goliad and will make their home in the beautiful residence formerly owned by Dr. C. M. McCauley. Dr. O. F. McMasters will be here in a few days to take up the dentistry work.

Pipes Bros. are reducing their prices on syrups for the next ten days.

Why carry gasoline at home, carry the risk and do the work when you can get what you want day or night at the new Merkel garage?



COUNTRY MOURNS DEATH OF EDISON

Death Comes Peacefully to Famous Inventor; Burial on Anniversary Electric Bulb.

West Orange, N. J., Oct. 22.—Thomas A. Edison died peacefully before dawn Sunday at the Hilltop estate where he labored to give light, work and recreation to millions.

The 84-year-old inventor, who lay deep in a coma at the end, did not wish to live, Dr. Hubert S. Howe disclosed, when he realized his complete recovery was impossible.

His wife and six children, close in attendance during the last stages of the 11 weeks' sickness, had been told by Mr. Edison that his work was finished. He would rather leave the world, he said, than burden them with the disabilities of age and illness.

His burial under a great oak tree in Rosedale cemetery Wednesday afternoon marked the 52nd anniversary of his perfection of the incandescent lamp.

Last tribute over his body was paid as he lay in the drawing room of the spacious Victorian mansion in which he lived for many years.

"He is humanity's friend," was his end.

Surrounding him were the friends and flowers he loved.

Listening in a room upstairs to which the ceremony came by concealed amplifiers, were his wife; his children and his grandchildren; Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone; Mrs. Herbert Hoover, a very few close friends.

The grief and respect of the nation were left to be expressed in an organized plan sponsored by President Hoover for extinguishing for one minute at 9 p. m. (C. S. T.) the billions of incandescent electric light globes which light the nation's way because of Mr. Edison's genius.

Mourners at the home entered while an organ played "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen." Its soft strains mingled with the crackle of pine logs in a huge fireplace of the hall. Autumn sunlight drifted through a mass of window ferns.

Simplicity marked the rites. Arthur L. Walsh, old friend and business associate, played "Little Grey Home in the West," on the violin. It and "Kathleen" were the inventor's favorites and they were among the first songs made popular on the phonograph he created.

The Rev. Dr. Stephen J. Herben, former pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of Range, read the 23rd Psalm. "The Lord Is My Shepherd—"

Dr. Lewis Perry of Phillips Exeter academy, read the tribute, written by Arthur J. Palmer, old Edison associate.

As a mark of respect to the famous inventor of the incandescent light and countless other electrical devices, the office of the West Texas Utilities company at Merkel and all the offices of the company remained closed one minute Wednesday afternoon, from 1:30 to 1:31 p. m. the time for the funeral services.

Edison Worker Drops Dead.

Orange, N. J., Oct. 22.—John Ott, 75, who had worked in the Edison laboratory more than a half century, dropped dead in his home Monday. His son attributed the death to shock incident to the death of Thomas Edison.

No Change in Condition.

No change is reported, according to the latest information, in the condition of Mrs. T. H. Christopher, who is seriously ill at the home of her daughter in Lamasa.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Sam C. Cochran of Dallas has been elected lieutenant grand commander of the supreme council of Scottish Rite Free Masonry, southern division.

Val Martin, 28, city lineman of Granbury, was killed while working on a transformer platform by coming in contact with a high tension wire.

William F. Roberts, Jr., former cashier of the closed Lohn State bank, was found guilty on a charge of forgery in district court at Brady and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

A frenzied buck deer attacked W. M. Sturgeon in an Archer City park, knocking him down and critically injuring him with horns and hoofs before he was rescued by members of a foot ball team practicing nearby.

A verdict of acquittal was returned at Roby Monday for Charlton Brown, mayor of Mineral Wells, and T. L. Hemphill, business man of that place, tried jointly in 104th district court on a charge of transporting intoxicating liquor.

The new reduced cotton rate order of the Texas Railroad commission, affecting all of the state east of a line from Chillicothe to Big Spring, went into effect Saturday at noon, reducing rail rates on cotton more than 30 per cent on an average.

In a recent article by Myron M. Stearns in "Boys' Life," giving a list of the foremost universities and their respective endowments, the University of Texas with an endowment of \$27,000,000 was placed seventh in rank.

Phillip Scharbauer, 78, Midland capitalist and secretary-treasurer of the Scharbauer Cattle company, with ranches in five Texas counties and in Lea county, N. M., died Sunday afternoon after an acute attack of stomach trouble lasting five days.

Indictments charging A. E. Pool, president and B. Miller, vice president of the Abilene State bank, which closed August 28, with receiving deposits in a bank in a failing condition, were returned Friday by a Forty-Second district court grand jury at Abilene.

A bill to provide for the placing of a tariff on oil imports will be brought before the house at the next session of congress, it was announced by Morgan Saunders, congressman from the Tyler district, before the tariff convolve of independent producers at Tyler Monday.

State Senator J. W. E. H. Beck and Miss Lenora Buttram of DeKalb, Bowie county, were married Thursday in the office of the lieutenant governor at the Capitol, the ceremony being performed by Capt. J. K. Johnson, an officer of the Texas National guard and minister of the Christian church in Austin.

At the Big Spring meeting Temple was selected as the 1932 convention city of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Ladies Auxiliary.

J. L. Holloway of Cleburne was re-elected chairman of the brotherhood and other officers are: J. Y. Rutherford of Teague, vice-chairman, and J. L. Steadman of Fort Worth, secretary and treasurer.

FAVOR CONTINUANCE OF AGENTS IN VIEW PRESENT CONDITIONS

PETITION URGES COUNTY COURT TO CONTINUE AGENTS

Petitions are being circulated this week and copies are to be placed Friday morning in the banks and many of the business houses of the city for the signature of those who think the retention of the county agent and the home demonstration agent of Taylor county a "matter of real economy" in the light of the most urgent need to diversify that section has ever known. The circulation of the petitions follows action taken at the meeting of the Lions club Tuesday.

The petition, which is addressed to the commissioners court of Taylor county, reads as follows:

"We hereby petition you to reconsider your recent action in discontinuing the work of the county agent and home demonstration agent in Taylor county, and that you make provision to retain these services. We are the direct beneficiaries of the work these agents do. We know its value. We sorely need it. We are urged to diversify; we realize the need. To make such a change in our present farming methods as a real diversification program would require makes it all the more necessary that we have the direction and help of the county agent and home demonstration agent. We are just learning. The greater economy, we think, requires that we keep this service."

9 Tarleton Students From Taylor County

Stephenville, Oct. 22.—Nine students from Taylor county are enrolled in John Tarleton Agricultural College this fall. The college enrollment totals 806, with students from 111 Texas counties and from Oklahoma, North Carolina, Virginia, Mississippi and Cuba.

Taylor county students are: Jerry Curtis; Barton, Frances Ruth Kinard, Margaret Kinard and Clarence A. Longacre. Abilene; Eleanor Mae Hamilton. Fred Guitart, Jr., Ethel Hamilton and Thelma McAninch, Merkel; and Allen Ralph Terry, Trent.

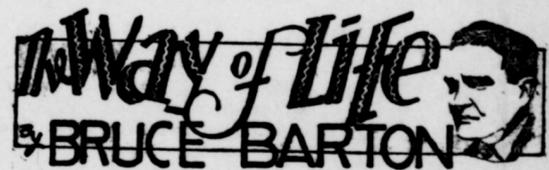
Lions Club Gives Unanimous Endorsement to Move to Retain County Agents; Will Circulate Petitions for Signatures.

Going on record unanimously in favor of continuing the work of the county agent and the home demonstration agent, the Lions club at their Tuesday luncheon named a committee to circulate petitions for signatures urging the county commissioners to reconsider their decision to discontinue with these two agents as of December first.

The matter was brought to the attention of the club by Tom Carswell, secretary of the Abilene chamber of commerce, who was a guest at the luncheon. Mr. Carswell recalled that at the very beginning of the work in this county the agents were paid for by the Abilene chamber of commerce with the assistance of the then Merkel chamber of commerce and the bank of Bradshaw. After reviewing the visible evidences of the worth while work accomplished by these two agents in Taylor county and with special emphasis on the necessity of having their services available to farmers this year, he stated that he believed it would be the greatest economy to continue their services.

Both Warren followed the Abilene commercial secretary with the statement that he read of the action of the county commissioners with some disappointment, as he was of the opinion that the demonstration idea is no longer an experiment. "The services of these agents," he said, "is even more necessary at this time, when this section and the entire state of Texas is on the eve of a material change to which it will have to adapt itself." He cited a recent case in point when a customer of the bank was discussing plans for the coming year, with its changed conditions, reduced acreage, diversification, etc., and he (Warren) was able to show him a blue print, prepared by the county agent, which was just fitted for this farmer's needs and which would enable him to carry out a well balanced program. In conclusion, he stated that he favored any steps to continue the services of these two agents.

It was brought out by Mr. Carswell (Continued on Page Four)



DESERVE . . . ELIMINATE.

Broadly speaking, mottoes have done me little good.

Being exhorted to "do it now" has not conquered a natural instinct to procrastination. "Tackle the hard things first" has not increased my courage; nor has "a penny saved is a penny earned" spurred me to thrift.

All of these wise saws, and others, I would trade for the two words on which a shrewd old merchant told me he had built his store:

Almost anywhere you look in business you may see the need for those two words.

A certain manufacturer, whose products already covered the field, announced his intention of still another item to the line. His banker was skeptical. "What excuse is there for it?" he demanded. "Does it meet any real need? Has it any special qualities that make it deserve to succeed?"

The manufacturer replied rather testily that he could not see what deserving had to do with it. There was an opportunity to steal more business from a competitor, and he proposed to do so.

The banker protested. "That seems a poor foundation on which to build," he said. He was right. After an expensive and successful campaign the new product was abandoned.

Another company, whose volume had grown rapidly during the months of prosperity, came into dull times and began to examine its expenses. It discovered that nearly half its overhead could be cut without reducing profits. While things were rolling it had entirely neglected elimination.

The words apply with equal force to individual lives. How many useless habits we loaded up with during the ten years previous to 1929! How we frittered away our time and diluted our energies! Apparently hard times are necessary once in a while to compel us to cut.

As for the word deserve, who has not experienced the increased sense of power which comes when one knows in his heart that his plans and purposes are wholly right?

Under the spell of such conviction we astonish ourselves by an unexpected capacity. We feel in tune with infinite forces. We deserve, and the stars in their courses seem to be fighting on our side.

WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS

A Canyon, Texas, man produced a tomato plant this season ten by twelve feet in area, from which he harvested two bushels of tomatoes. Careful culture, he maintains, will make three tomato plants produce enough to supply the average family.

Irrigation with electrical power is being promoted around Lockley in Floyd county. Shallow wells producing from one thousand to sixteen hundred gallons of water per minute can be installed complete with pumping plants for sixteen hundred dollars.

Texas Technological college, Lubbock, had forty-five hundred students enrolled in all departments and all terms during 1930-31.

San Saba has a 4-H club of boys from twelve to eighteen years old engaged in livestock feeding experiments.

Lampasas is to have a new city hall,

having recently voted the bonds by a five to one majority.

The Capitol Syndicate Land company recently donated one thousand dollars to the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society museum fund. The company formerly owned the X. I. T. ranch, famous in West Texas history, located near Canyon, proposed home of the museum.

Free sites on railroad trackage, low natural gas rates, plenty of water and an abundance of building materials produced locally are inducements held out for prospective industries at Borger in the Texas Panhandle.

A large number of trench silos are being built in Randall county for the preservation of the present large silage crop.

A highway extending from Canada to Mexico through West Texas is being promoted to be called the Chisholm Trail highway to perpetuate the same of the historic trail of early cattle days.

The Bankhead Highway through Callahan county is being widened.

Taylor County's new jail at Abilene,

costing \$100,000.00, was recently opened with a "housewarming party" given by the sheriff.

Eight inch water mains were recently installed at Vega.

The West Texas State Teachers' college, Canyon, recently obtained the celebrated Chicago Madrigal club music library of 40,000 pieces.

Dalhart has a new electrical distribution line in the down town section.

Wheeler County's taxable valuation exceeded last year's by a half million dollars.

The next dirigible to be built by the United States navy may be named for the West Texas city, Amarillo.

The site for the proposed \$180,000.00 federal building at Pampa has been secured.

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70th Wedding Day is Celebrated by Couple

Clyde, Texas, Oct., 22.—The Rev. and Mrs. George B. Ely celebrated the seventieth anniversary of their marriage Saturday. He is 91 and she will be 90 next January.

They were married Oct. 17, 1861, in Marion county, Arkansas, where Mr. Ely was visiting after an Indian scouting trip into West Texas as a ranger. They moved to Texas in 1877, and came west with the Texas & Pacific railway in the early '80's, Mr. Ely preaching as a Baptist minister. He was in the ministry for sixty years.

The Elys reared eleven children, six still living. The aged couple still maintain their home here. Mrs. Ely doing her own housework.

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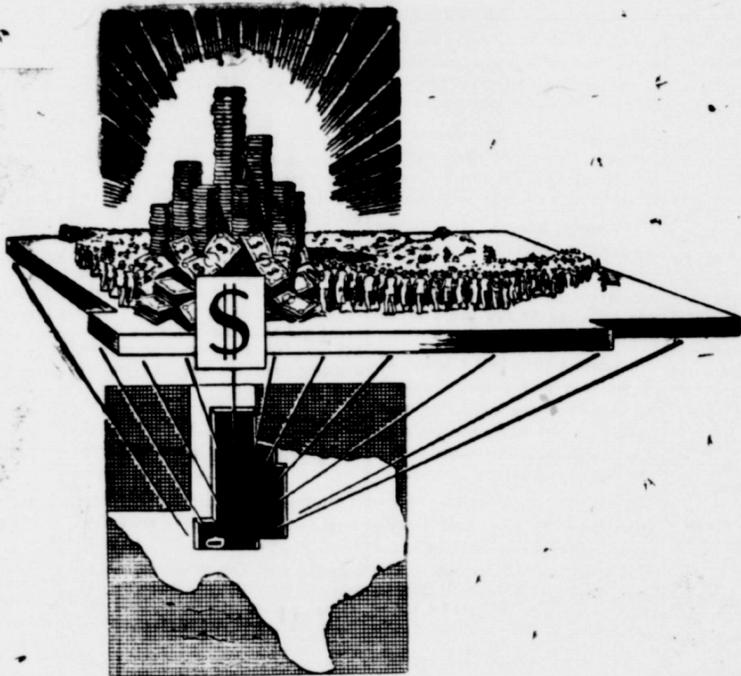
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SIGHT UNSEEN

by MARY ROBERTS RINEHART

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FOURTH INSTALLMENT
SYNOPSIS.

Six people, Horace Johnson (who tells the story), his wife, old Mrs. Dane, Herbert Robinson and his sister, Alice, and Dr. Sperry, friends and neighbors, are in the habit of holding weekly meetings. At one of them, Mrs. Dane, who is hostess, varies the program by unexpectedly arranging a spiritualistic seance with Miss Jeremy, a friend of Dr. Sperry and not a professional, as the medium.

At the first sitting the medium tells the details of a murder as it is occurring. Later that night Sperry learns that a neighbor, Arthur Wells, has been shot mysteriously. With Johnson he goes to the Wells residence and they find confirmation of the medium's account. Mrs. Wells tells them her husband shot himself in a fit of depression.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—
Believing then that something might possibly be hidden there, I made an investigation, and could see some small objects lying there. Sperry brought me a stick from the dressing room and with its aid succeeded in bringing out the two articles which were instrumental in starting us on our brief but adventurous careers as private investigators. One was a leather razor strop, old and stiff from disuse, and the other a wet bath sponge, now stained with blood to a yellowish brown.

"She is lying, Sperry," I said. "He fell somewhere else, and she dragged him to where he was found."

"But—why?"
"I don't know," I said impatiently. "From some place where a man would be unlikely to kill himself, I daresay. No one ever killed himself, for instance, in an open hallway. Or stopped shaving to do it."

"We have only Miss Jeremy's word for that," he said, sullenly. "Confound it, Horace, don't let's bring in that stuff if we can help it."

We stared with each other, with the strop and the sponge between us. Suddenly he turned on his heel and went back into the room, and a moment later he called me, quietly.

"You're right," he said. "The poor devil was shaving. He had it half done. Come and look."

But I did not go. There was a carafe of water in the bathroom, and I took a drink from it. My hands were shaking. When I turned around I found Sperry in the hall, examining the carpet with his flash light, and now and then stooping to run his hand over the floor.

"Nothing here," he said in a low tone, when I had joined him. "At least I haven't found anything."
How much of Sperry's proceeding with the carpet the governess had seen I do not know, I glanced up and she was there, on the staircase to the third floor, watching us.

She came down the stairs, a lean young Frenchwoman in a dark dressing gown, and Sperry suggested that she should have an opiate. She seized at the idea, but Sperry did not go down at once for his professional bag.

"You were not here when it occurred, Mademoiselle?" he inquired.

"No, doctor. I had been out for a walk." She clasped her hands. "When I came back—"

"Was he still on the floor of the dressing-room when you came in?"

"But yes. Of course. She was alone. She could not lift him."

"I see," Sperry said thoughtfully. "No, I daresay she couldn't. Was the revolver on the floor also?"

"Yes, doctor. I myself picked it up."

To Sperry she showed, I observed a slight deference, but when she glanced at me, as she did after each reply, I thought her expression slightly altered. At the time this puzzled me, but it was explained when Sperry started down the stairs.

"Monsieur is of the police?" she asked, with a Frenchwoman's timid respect for the constabulary.

I hesitated before I answered. I am a truthful man, and I hate unnecessary lying. But I ask consideration of the circumstances.

"I am making a few investigations," I told her. "You say Mrs. Wells was alone in the house, except for her husband?"

"The children."

"Mr. Wells was shaving, I believe when the — er — impulse overtook him?"

There was no doubt as to her surprise. "Shaving? I think not."
"What sort of razor did he ordinarily use?"

"A safety razor always. At least I have never seen any others around."

"There is a case of old-fashioned razors in the bathroom."

She glanced toward the room and shrugged her shoulders. "Possibly he used others. I have not seen any."

"It was you, I suppose, who cleaned up afterwards?"

"Cleaned up?"

"You who washed up the stains?"

"Stains? Oh, no, monsieur. Nothing of the sort has yet been done."

I felt that she was telling the truth, so far as she knew it, and I then asked about the revolver.

"When I first came it was in the drawer of that table. I suggested that it be placed beyond the children's reach. I do not know where it was put."

"Do you recall how you left the front door when you went out? I means, was it locked?"

"No. The servants were out, and I knew there would be no one to admit me. I left it unfastened."

But it was evident that she had broken a rule of the house by doing so, for she added: "I am afraid to use the servants' entrance. It is dark there."

"The key is always hung on the nail when they are out?"

"Yes. If any one of them is out it is left there. There is only one key. The family is out a great deal, and it saves bringing some one down from the servants' rooms at the top of the house."

But I think my knowledge of the key bothered her, for some reason. And as I read over my questions, certainly they indicated a suspicion that the situation was less simple than it appeared. She shot a quick glance at me.

"Did you examine the revolver when you picked it up?"

"I, monsieur? Non!" Then her fears, whatever they were, got the best of her. "I know nothing but what I tell you. I was out. I can prove that that is so. I went to a pharmacy; the clerk will remember."

"I know, monsieur, he will tell you that I used the telephone there."

I told her that it would not be necessary for her to go to the pharmacy, and she muttered something about the children and went up the stairs. When Sperry came back with the opiate she was nowhere in sight, and he was considerably annoyed.

"She knows something," I told him. "She is frightened."

Sperry eyed me with a half frown. "Now see here, Horace," he said.

"suppose we had come in here, without the thought of that seance behind us? We'd have accepted the thing as it appears to be, wouldn't we? There may be a dozen explanations for that sponge, and for the razor strop. What in heaven's name has a razor strop to do with it anyhow? One bullet was fired, and the revolver has one empty chamber. It may not be the custom to stop shaving in order to commit suicide, but that's no argument that it can't be done, and as to the key—how do I know that my own back door key isn't hung outside on a nail sometimes?"

"We might look again for that hole in the ceiling."

"I won't do it. Miss Jeremy has read of something of that sort, or heard of it, and stored it in her subconscious mind."

But he glanced up at the ceiling nevertheless, and a moment later had drawn up a chair and stepped onto it, and I did the same thing. We presented, I imagine, rather a strange picture, and I know that the presence of the rigid figure on the couch gave me a sort of ghoulish feeling.

The house was an old one, and in the center of the high ceiling a plaster ornament surrounded the chandelier. Our search gradually centered on this ornament, but the chairs were low and our long distance examination revealed nothing. It was at that time, too, that we heard some one in the lower hall, and we had only a moment to put our chairs in place before the butler came in. He showed no surprise, but stood looking at the body on the couch, his thin face working.

"I met the detectives outside, doctor," he said. "It's a terrible thing, sir, a terrible thing."

"I'd keep the other servants out of this room. Hawkins."

"Yes, sir." He went over to the chest, lifted the edge slowly, and then replaced it, and tip-toed to the door.

"The others are not back yet. I'll admit them, and get them up quietly. How is Mrs. Wells?"

"Sleeping," Sperry said briefly, and Hawkins went out.

I realize now that Sperry was—I am sure he will forgive this—in a

state of nerves that night. For example, he returned only an impatient silence to my doubt as to whether Hawkins had really only just returned and he quite missed something downstairs which I later proved to have an important bearing on the case. This was when we were going out, and after Hawkins had opened the front door for us. It had been freezing hard, and Sperry, who has a bad ankle, looked about for a walking stick. He found one, and I saw Hawkins take a swift step forward, and then stop, with no expression whatever in his face.

"This will answer, Hawkins."

"Yes sir," said Hawkins impassively.

And if I realize that Sperry was nervous that night, I also realize that he was fighting a battle quite his own, and with its personal problems.

"She's got to quit this sort of thing," he said savagely and apropos of nothing, as we walked along. "It's hard on her, and besides—"

"Yes?"

"She couldn't have learned about it," he said, following his own trail of thought. "My car brought her from her home to the house-door. She was brought in to us at once. But don't you see that if there are other developments to prove her statements she—well, she's as innocent as a child, but take Herbert, for instance. Do you suppose he'll believe she had no outside information?"

"But it was happening while we were shut in the drawing-room."

"So Elinor claims. But if there was anything to hide, it would have taken time. An hour or so, perhaps. You can see how Herbert would jump on that."

I said irritably to him. "I intend to go home, it is 1:30 in the morning."

But as it happened, I did not go into my house when I reached it. I was wide awake, and I perceived, on looking up at my wife's windows, that the lights were out. As it is her custom to wait up for me on those rare occasions when I spend an evening away from home, I surmised that she was comfortably asleep, and made my way to the pharmacy to which the Wellises' governess had referred.

The night-clerk was in the prescription-room behind the shop. He had fixed himself comfortably on two chairs, with an old table-cover over his knee and a half-empty bottle of sarsaparilla on a wooden box beside him. He did not waken until I spoke to him.

"Sorry to rouse you, Jim," I said.

He flung off the cover and jumped up, upsetting the bottle, which trickled a stale stream to the floor. "Oh, that's all right, Mr. Johnson, I wasn't asleep, anyhow."

I let that go, and went at once to the object of our visit. Yes, he remembered the governess, knew her, as a matter of fact. The Wellises' bought a good many things there. Asked as to her telephoning, he thought it was about nine o'clock, maybe earlier. But questioned as to what she had

telephoned about, he drew himself up.

"Oh, see here," he said. "I can't very well tell you that, can I? This business has got ethics, and sorts of ethics."

He enlarged on that. The secrets of the city, he maintained loftily, were in the hands of the pharmacies. It was a trust that they kept. "Every trouble from dope to drink, and then some," he said.

When I told him that Arthur Wells was dead his jaw dropped, but there was no more argument in him. He knew very well the number the governess had called.

"She's done it several times," he said. "I'll be frank with you. I got curious after the third evening, and called it myself. You know the trick. I found out it was the Ellingham house, up State Street."

"What was the nature of the conversations?"

"Oh, she was very careful. It's an open phone and any one could hear her. Once she said somebody was not to come. Another time she just said, 'This is Suzanne Gautier. 9:30, please.'"

"And tonight?"

"That the family was going out—not to call."

(To Be Continued.)

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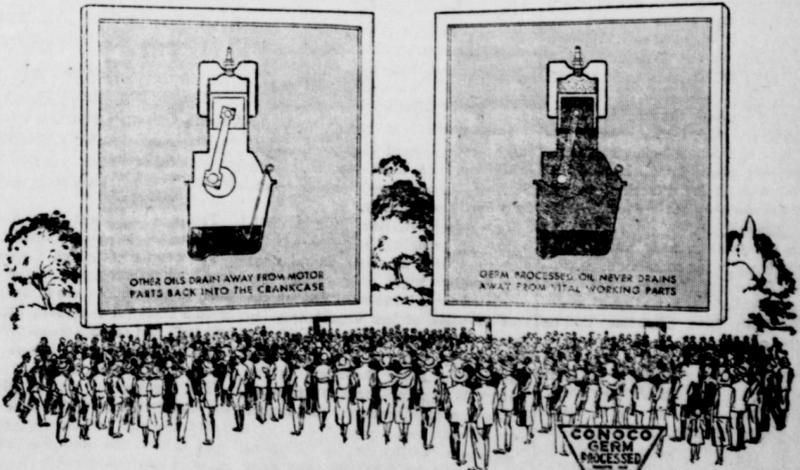
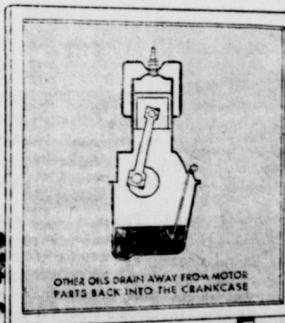
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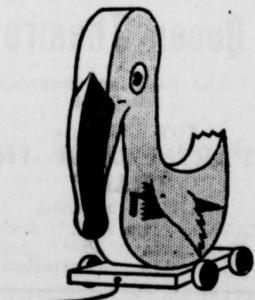
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AN EMPIRE IN ITSELF.
(Dallas News.)

Texas is a State in the American Union, but it is more than that. It is an empire in area, population and natural resources. Hard times have fallen on the world and many readjustments must be made. Texas has its share of misfortune through low prices and the consequent slackening of business conditions, but, unlike many other parts of the United States and Europe, this State has the remedy for its hard times in its own hands.

It seems clear that cotton is no longer king and that the South can not hope to export much cotton in the future. But if King Cotton is dead, long live King Industry! Texas is fabulously rich in its resources and should begin definitely and systematically to live on its own in a larger way than ever before. It should aim to grow its own food supplies and live in them. It should aim to develop its own industries and to supply its own needs as far as possible with manufactured goods made in Texas by Texans aided by Texas capital.

Every county and city should study its own situation carefully and see what can be done by way of turning cotton farmers into food growers and industrial workers, using county resources and home finances as much as possible. Texas money should be invested in Texas business, not to the exclusion of capital or products from other States, but in developing newer activities to take the place of the lessened production of cotton. Texas needs again the pioneer spirit to blaze a way through untried fields of potential industrial activities.

Why should Texas assume poverty and unemployment to be inevitable when Nature is so prodigal? This is a time of transition for Texas and Texans. We are about to turn away definitely from an undue devotion to cotton and raise our own foods and build our own industries.

Petition Started

(Continued from Page One.)
In the discussion that 370,050 cans of food were on hand in farmer's stores as the direct result of the work of the two agents in this county.

Superintendent Burgess, when called on, said that it seemed to him the county could curtail some other work instead of this.

At the close of the discussion, the club voted unanimously to get behind a movement urging the county commissioners to reconsider their first decision.

The committee to circulate petitions and forward the movement consists of Dee Grimes, chairman; C. J. Glover, Jr., W. W. Haynes and C. H. Jones.

Mat Dillingham, the president, called order and Ted Nichols was toastmaster for the luncheon. The invocation was given by L. E. Carpenter, minister of the Church of Christ, who was the only other guest besides Mr. Carswell.

The toastmaster had provided a special treat in the entertainment program, featuring Misses Vera and Maimie Walker in a medley of waltz songs, with Miss Christine Collins as the accompanist.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF MISS N. OLIVE GAROUTTE.

Death has again entered the Rebekah Lodge and taken from our midst our beloved sister, Miss Olive Garoutte, who has completed her faithful labor here in ministering to the cry of the orphan, to the call of want, the piteous wail of sorrow and, as a recompense, has received the welcome plaudits, "well done," from the Great Master.

And, whereas, the loving Father has called our beloved and respected sister home and she having been a true and faithful member of our Mystic Order; therefore, be it resolved: That the Rebekah Lodge has lost a devoted and faithful worker and that we tender the family of our deceased sister our sincere condolence in their deep affliction and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, also be published in the Merkel Mail and spread on the minutes.

Mrs. Mary Alice Dunn, N. G.
Mrs. Nancy Polley.
Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth.

Mail want ads pay dividends.

CHURCHES

Merkel Churchmen Go To Presbytery Meeting

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, and Mayor W. M. Elliott, one of the elders, were in Snyder Tuesday to attend a called meeting of the Abilene presbytery. They joined Rev. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church of Abilene, when he passed through Merkel and went with him in his car.

In the absence of Rev. G. H. Markley, pastor at Breckenridge, who is moderator, W. H. Cook, an elder of the Breckenridge church, presided as vice moderator and the Merkel pastor, Rev. Mr. Walker, served as clerk pro tem in the absence of Stated Clerk S. P. Collins of Cross Plains.

The chief business of the meeting was concerning the pastorate and affairs of the Snyder church.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. A considerable increase was noted last Sunday. You are urged to be present promptly for the Sunday School so as to close on time and attend another church service. There will not be preaching at this church, as pastor will be at Baird.

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

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

The next meeting of the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service will be at the Nazarene church, with John Toombs as the leader, and the lesson will be the 18th chapter of Acts in continuation of the study of the Acts of the Apostles. Much interest and earnestness are manifested in these meetings and all the men in Merkel and the surrounding communities are invited to come and take part.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

An increase of 39 was noted in the attendance at the Merkel Sunday Schools last Sunday, the total attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools being 718, as compared with 679 on the previous Sunday. A year ago on the same Sunday the number present was only 589.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 10 a. m. Worship 11 a. m. Training classes each Sunday at 6:30 p. m. These classes are for all ages of folks. Come and bring your children to these fine training classes. Ladies' Bible class each Tuesday 2:45 p. m. This is a very fine class and should be attended by every woman in the town that can spare just one hour at that time. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.
L. E. Carpenter, Minister.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Song—Scripture—Dorma Lee Shelton.
Eible story—Marvin Hunter.
Story—J. C. Patterson.
Story—Willie B. Toombs.
Story—Truett Patterson.
Story—Charles Iddings.
Prayer—Stanley Toombs.
League benediction.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the evangelist. We urge you, if not in Sunday School somewhere else, to attend here next Sunday.

The evangelist, Rev. Lulu A. Williams, is bringing some wonderful messages. Her message on missions last Sunday night was greatly appreciated by a large audience, as she told of some of her experiences in Japan and the wonderful manifestation of the power of God to convert the heathen from Buddhism to our Christ. Watch for the announcement of the next missionary services and be sure to hear her.

In the meantime she is preaching the same Christ who will save us in Merkel. She is truly a very interesting speaker. Her messages are filled with the love and spirit of God. Services each evening next week at 7:30.
Lovick P. Fretwell,
Supply Pastor.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our most sincere thanks and appreciation to our many kind friends for their assistance during the illness and death of our beloved father, W. H. Tarpley, and also to the ladies for the many beautiful flowers and the nice dinner they prepared and brought in.

Mrs. S. E. (Grandma) Tarpley.
Ernest Tarpley and Family.
Boyd Tarpley and Family.

SEED OATS FOR SALE.

Nortex Oats, good matured and free from Johnson grass. See Pierce Horton.

Baptists Plan Every Member Canvass

A large number from Merkel attended the conference of Baptist churches in the 17th district held at First Baptist church at Abilene Tuesday to outline plans for the Every Member Canvass. There are 181 churches in this section with a membership of 30,750 and they will be expected to raise \$30,000.00 for the Baptist co-operative program.

Prominent speakers at the conference were Dr. George W. Truett of Dallas, member of the promotional committee of the Southern Baptist convention; T. C. Gardner of Dallas, state B. Y. P. U. secretary; Rev. J. Howard Williams of Dallas, secretary of the Baptist executive board, and George Mason of Dallas, treasurer of the mission board.

Among those in attendance from Merkel were Rev. and Mrs. J. T. King, Mesdames F. A. Polley, A. M. Daugherty, A. R. Booth, T. E. Collins, E. N. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler, and Messrs. Bert Chambliss, W. D. Haynes, T. R. Lassiter, Earl Lassiter and Yates Brown.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Next Sunday is "Unanimous Day" with all Texas Baptists. Every member of every Baptist church in Texas is supposed to attend church next Sunday morning.

There will be a Bible illustration at the morning service you will never forget. Don't miss it.

The pastor's subject for the morning hour will be "God's Insurance Policy for Farmers, Business and Professional Men." Some new and striking Bible truths will be brought out.

Don't miss Sunday School. Remember the B. T. S. meets promptly at 6 p. m. instead of 6:30. At close of evening service pastor will baptize five happy converts.

Bring your friends and worship with us.

J. T. King, Pastor.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

Group captain, Francis Tarlton. "The Cooperative Program and Our State," Margaret Miller. "State Missions," Ima Ruth Brown. "Christian Education," Vivian Davis. "Orphanages," Doris Mae Barron. "Hospitals," John A. Jones. "Do We Need Mission Work in our States?" Vernon Davis. (1) Edna Lacy. (2) Louise Tarlton.

In our B. Y. P. U. we have reorganized and have elected the following: Thelma Matthews, president; Caribel Mansfield, secretary; Margaret Miller, reporter; Louise Tarlton, chorister, group captains, Francis Tarlton, Jo Earl Lassiter.

We have as our leader Mrs. Charley Higgins and feel sure we will do good work from now on.

Gang Leader is Found Guilty on Five Counts

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 22.—Aphonse Capone, Chicago's notorious gang leader, was convicted by a federal court jury Saturday night on five out of twenty-three counts charging evasion of income taxes.

The jury took eight hours and eighty minutes to reach a verdict.

The counts on which Capone was convicted include three felony allegations of attempt to evade and defeat income taxes for the years 1925, 1926 and 1927 and two misdemeanor counts charging failure to file income tax returns in 1928 and 1929.

The big ganster was acquitted on the one indictment charging an attempt to evade and defeat taxes on a 1924 income. He also was acquitted of seventeen felony accounts on the second indictment, many of them duplications of the counts on which he was found guilty.

Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson Monday granted counsel for "Scarface" Al Capone a continuance until Friday on the hearing of their motion for an arrest of judgment in his recent conviction for income tax violations. It was to have been heard Tuesday.

BARGAIN DAYS.

From now until Dec. 31st, subscription price for The Merkel Mail in Taylor and adjoining counties is only \$1.00 per year. This will save you 50 cents, if you will renew your subscription during these three months. If you are in arrears, you can pay up the past year and extend a new year at the bargain offer of \$1.00 per year. Do it now. Offer positively expires December 31st.



GLENER CLASS PARTY.

Mesdames Ross Ferrier and Tom Largent most graciously entertained members of their Sunday school class last Thursday in the home of Mrs. Tom Largent. The entertainment was an all-day affair with luncheon served at high noon. A friendship quilt for Mrs. C. W. Delmer, whose home was recently destroyed by fire, was pieced during the afternoon, also a shower of other lovely gifts were presented to her by Mrs. R. A. Burgess.

The guests of Mesdames Ferrier and Largent were Mrs. L. R. Thompson of Abilene, Mesdames R. A. Burgess, Will Toombs, Doc Vaughn, Ted Lassiter, Roberts, Herbert Patterson, Reese Hail, Frank Iddings, Robert Hicks, Wallis, L. D. Boyd, E. L. Yeats, Duncan Briggs, Dee Grimes, C. W. Delmer, V. D. Sublett, J. E. Richardson, Fred Latham, W. S. J. Brown, Eli Case and the hostesses.

J. U. G.

Miss Ann Largent entertained members of the J. U. G. club with a Halloween party last Saturday afternoon. Games symbolic of Halloween, fortune telling, etc., were played and at the refreshment hour delicious sandwiches, soda pop and apples with Halloween favors were passed to Betty Jane Diltz, Helen Heeter, Anna Lee Blake, Billy McGehee, Doris Gay West, Mary Joe Russell, Sue Sue Grimes, Dora Marie Gaither, Frances Owens, Geraldine Teague, Becky Gardner and the hostess.

TACKY PARTY.

Miss Ola Ellen Smith entertained her Sunday School class with a tacky party at the Presbyterian church last Friday evening. The basement of the church was decorated for Halloween. Games were played and contests were enjoyed. A prize was given to Miss Mabel Murray for being dressed the tackiest. Refreshments consisting of pumpkin pie and hot chocolate with marshmallows were served to the following guests: Mary Zoe West, Ethel Tucker, Marian Delmer, Robbie Walker, Thelma Patterson, Elna Tucker, Florene Rider, Mabel Murray, Hazel Rice, Elia May Rice, Ruby Rice, Alice Russell, Ada Stanford, Marie Davis, Leona Bell, Anne Lee Dubose, Lena May Moore, Van Roberts, L. V. Moore, Milton Shannon, Felix Stalls, Jack Patterson, Vernon Poor, Ted Hamm, Vincent Barnett, Griffen Barnett, Roger Derrick, Burnel Scott, Fred Hokit, R. I. Blair, Clayton Miller, Leach and Marshall Stalls.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On last Wednesday afternoon Little Faye Johnson celebrated her third birthday and she was honored with a perfectly planned party given by her mother in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Golladay. As each little guest arrived, they presented Mary Faye with many lovely birthday gifts, after which they were invited into the living room and seated in a circle where various games were played.

After the playing of the games they were invited into the dining room where in the center of the table was

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MATTERS MUSICAL

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On the night of Wednesday, November 4, the people of West Texas will see and hear one of their favorites in the person of lovely Doris Kenyon. This distinguished motion picture star gives a program of from ten to fourteen song interpretations in costume. Her wardrobe, which cost more than \$20,000, was especially created for Doris Kenyon's recitals and ranges all the way from diaphanous Grecian flowing robes to the most exotic costumes of the Orient and the smart creations of Paris. With Doris Kenyon will be San-Malo, the finest of the younger generations of violinists who rightfully bears the title "The Aristocrat of the Violin."

The Festival closes in a blaze of glory with the one and only Mary Garden, the most colorful and intriguing personality among all present-day women. The famous Garden personality makes an ideal closing number for a festival of music without equal in America.

John Ray, president of the association, states that people from all over West Texas are making inquiries and reservations for these three stunning events. It is expected that the entire house will be sold out on season tickets.

Buffalo are considered by many to be the most dangerous game of Africa.

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a huge birthday cake lighted with three candles. Refreshments of angel food cake, nutti-rolls, all day suckers, with toy balloons as plate favors, were served to the following guests: Doris Gay West, Ann Louise Lepard, Mary Jo Russell, Doris Marie Lepard, Sue Sue Grimes, Dora Marie Gaither, Becky Jewell Gaither, Dorothy Lee Shannon, Johnnie McDonald, Barbara Ann Brown, Marjorie Wayne Dunn, Betty Jo Moore, Gwendolyn Vaughn, Nancy Gene Scott, Betty Jane Tittle, Becky Gardner, Dorothy Nell Groene, Betty Jo Hassey, Dorothy Nell Haynes, Lora Pearl Haynes, Ray Ann Hamm, Mary Ruth Hutchison, Mana Muri McCandless of Los Angeles, Calif., Saralu Dillingham, Evelyn Sears, Patsy Daniels, Clarice Higgins, Nedra Swafford, Patsy Ruth Cox, Gwendolyn Sandusky, Maurice Eugene Dunn, Mary Faye Johnson and the hostess, Mrs. W. L. Johnson, and Mrs. Frank Golladay.

Each one departed wishing Mary Faye many more happy birthdays.

BARKER-BIRD.

Miss Zephia Bird and Mr. Mason Barker were married at the home of Rev. J. Richard Spann at 1733 Halbron, Abilene, Monday afternoon. The young couple will make their home at Stith.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bird of the Mulberry community and Mr. Barker is the son of Mrs. Thomson of Salt Branch.

Betty Lou Grimes on Program at Big Spring

Miss Betty Lou Grimes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes, was on program when Miss Irene Jay and a dozen or more of her pupils furnished the entertainment feature for the banquet at the Settles hotel at Big Spring Tuesday night of the Brotherhood Railway Trainmen and Ladies Auxiliary during their annual convention. She was accompanied to Big Spring by her parents.

"My Old Kentucky Home" has been made the state anthem of Kentucky.

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Wm. R. Cox, N. G.
Wm. Elliott, Secretary.

Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M. Saturday night, 8 p. m.
Members urged to attend. Visitors welcome.

J. C. Childress, W. M.
C. L. Boswell, Sec'y.
THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Oct. 22.—Extremely slow trading characterized the cattle trade Wednesday. Buyers' requirements seemed to be of no real importance, and the market dragged from start to finish. Although only 2,200 head of cattle and 1,000 calves were on offer, the supply was considered excessive. Forenoon bids were generally 25c lower on all classes, and when sales were made they were on that basis. The run included several cars of good steers that were ordered out after failing to receive satisfactory offers.

Deals on beef steers were within a general range of \$3.75 to \$5.25. Some rather good fat cows went at \$3.00. Canners sold around \$1.75 to \$2.25. No real good yearlings were available. Fat calves brought \$4.00 to \$4.50 mostly, with stocker calves selling up to \$5.00.

Cotton Receipts.

Including 1913 bales of cotton still in the yard here, shipment of 581 bales by truck from the yard this season and rail shipments of 3,997 bales, Merkel's total receipts for the year up to Thursday morning were 6,491 bales. This compares with 2,166 bales up to the same time last season.

Cotton on the street here was bringing even six cents Thursday morning, the market being a little down from Wednesday, when some local sales were made at 6.25. Part of the gain during the past week was due to the reduced freight rate from 87c per hundred, the old rate, to 59c per hundred, or a saving of \$1.55 per bale.

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.

Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee were Sweetwater visitors Sunday. Floyd Davis spent several days early in the week with his parents at Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann spent the week-end in Snyder.

Mrs. Walker Milam and children of Dallas were week-end guests of her mother, Mrs. N. Causseaux.

C. K. Russell, after spending several days here, has returned to Arp in the East Texas oil field.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Sweetwater were Sunday guests in the J. E. Costephens home.

M. W. Allan, wife and daughter, Edna, of Kansas City, Mo., are guests of Miss Dora Garoutte and will remain until Sunday.

Mesdames Juanita Dowell and Earl Teague and Miss Annie Lou Russell were a party from Merkel attending the Dallas Fair last week-end.

W. R. Hampton, former resident of Merkel and now living at Hico, was here a few days the first of the week on business and greeting old friends.

Mrs. Latrobe Vaughan and son, Ralph Vaughan, of South Gate, Calif., and Miss Dota Garoutte were guests at the Sam Butman ranch home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin of Littlefield spent the week with Mr. Martin's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin, of Noodle. Henry Martin returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Verner Sublett are being cordially greeted on their return to Merkel. Their daughter, Vernelle, remained with her grandmother, Mrs. Edith Gilmore, at Carlsbad, N. M., to continue in school.

After visiting here, Mrs. Effie Hill and little son of Burleson were accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. S. L. Grayson, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grayson, who spent the week-end at Burleson, returning Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hester, who are moving from Dallas to Sweetwater, were guests early in the week in the J. Ben Campbell home. Mr. Hester is with the air weather service and will be stationed at the Sweetwater airport.

Infant's Life Saved By Efforts of Mother

Canadian, Oct. 22.—The heroic efforts and quick thinking of a youthful farm mother Thursday saved the life of her infant son.

Mrs. Grover Willmoth of the Gem community, twenty miles southeast of Canadian, found her 15-month-old son, George, floating in a surface watering tank near the farm home. She recovered the body from the water, telephoned a Canadian physician, and then bent over the tiny form to attempt resuscitation.

She worked probably fifteen minutes without apparent results, then lifted the limp body into the family car and started toward Canadian. About half way between the farm and city she met Dr. E. H. Morris. The physician removed the child from the car and again applied resuscitative methods, this time with success.

Hospital attendants said the baby would recover.

The child's father was away from home when the near drowning occurred.



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Many Additions and Improvements Listed In Construction Plans

Abilene, Oct. 22.—The extension of dependable utilities service to new customers through the widespread properties of the West Texas Utilities company will necessitate the building of new electric lines, the installation of new equipment and the laying of additional gas and water mains, according to information received from the local office of the company here yesterday. Additions and improvements to existing facilities are included in the current construction plans, also.

All construction work is being handled by the company's regularly employed construction and maintenance crews.

Electric service extensions scheduled are as follows:

At San Angelo, a single-phase, 2,300 volt primary line and secondary line will be built to serve a new school in the Glenmore Addition. The same construction will carry service to new residential customers, also; at Oklaunion, a three-wire, three-phase secondary line will be installed and new transformers erected to supply power to the Farmers Gin; at Dumas, two extensions to the distribution system will serve the Texhoma Natural Gas company and new residential customers; a 2,300 volt, single-phase primary line and a secondary distribution line will serve new residential customers in Rule; at Ozona, a new school building will be served through the building of a 2,300 volt single-phase line and the installation of transformer and metering equipment, and at Conlen, the secondary distribution system will be extended to serve new customers.

Additions and improvements to existing facilities will be made at San Angelo, where new transformer equipment will be added to take care of increased demands; at Memphis, where ten blocks of primary and secondary distribution line will be rebuilt in alleys of the city, and at Dalhart, where the local distribution system will be extended and strengthened to improve service.

A new rural line will carry service to customers east of Vernon, and minor repairs will be made on facilities at Abilene and Rising Star.

Two water extensions will be made at D. art, where two-inch mains will be stilled to serve new customers, and a new two-inch gas main at Dumas will serve additional customers.

Work on the projects reported is scheduled to go forward immediately, according to the company's construction department, as completion dates have been set in the near future.

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Mock Murder Trial Scheduled Sunday PM

Merkel residents won't have to leave their own streets to see and hear a murder trial, for one is to take place at the First Baptist church next Sunday afternoon, October 25, at 3 p. m.

A young man, Paul Collins, will be "tried" for murder and the whole setting will deal with the "killing" of a man by his friend, whom, it is shown, was under the influence of liquor at the time he struck the blow which snuffed out a life and left a widow and family of fatherless children.

The "trial" is being put on in co-operation of the churches and is a means of pointing out a lesson in prohibition law enforcement. Twenty-five prominent local leaders of this city will take part in this trial.

The cast follows:

Judge, R. A. Burgess; sheriff, Perry Dickinson; Jack Stiles, bootlegger, Rev. E. L. Yeats; deputy sheriff, Charles Jones; Frank Lloyd, defendant, Paul Collins; court reporter, A. J. Tucker; Mrs. French, star witness, Mrs. Burl Scott; Mr. Cook, coroner, W. M. Elliott; Mrs. Lloyd, defendant's mother, Mrs. M. E. Campbell; Mrs. Wright, wife of deceased, Mrs. C. W. Delmer; counsel for defense, Atticus Webb, Dallas; prosecuting attorney, Tom Riddle.

Summoned for jury services are O. J. Adcock, Herbert Patterson, W. O. Boney, Henry West, H. H. Toombs, Frank Golliday, Earl Lassiter, Harry Barnett, Eli Case, Jud Sheppard, L. L. Murray and Bishop Hunter.

Man Who Held Deep Drill Record Dies

San Angelo, Oct., 22.—Peter Harding Williams, 57, who drilled the world's deepest test well with cable tools, in Irion county, Texas, died here Thursday after a long illness.

Williams had been a driller for more than 30 years. In 1921 he came to West Texas and six years later, on his own geological findings, drilled a well which opened a two-mile extension of the Powell field in Crockett county. He sold his holdings for \$500,000.

A dream of a yacht and a world cruise vanished when he struck salt water in the deep test he drilled with part of the money. The depth he attained, 8900 feet, stands as a world's record for cable tool drilling.

Language Study.

The scientific study of language, with a view to tracing its historical development and the possible history of the peoples among whom it developed is called "philology." This science is concerned with laws governing all human speech of all times. The term is a compound of two Greek words meaning "love," and "word." It is a fascinating study.

Germany's wheat crop this year is estimated at 212,120,000 bushels.

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BANKS
OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE
FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL
at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 29th day of September, 1931, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 23 day of October, 1931.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$133,968.89
Loans secured by real estate	12,520.00
Overdrafts	885.12
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision there of	3,000.00
Banking House	15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Cash in bank	7,856.62
Due from approved reserve agents	4,371.40
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	959.24
Bills of Exchange—Cotton	30,720.69
Total	\$221,681.96

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	136.46
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check	183.19
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	117,775.34
Time Certificates of Deposit	3,250.75
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	2,953.73
Bills Payable	47,382.49
Total	\$221,681.96

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:
We, C. M. Largent, as President, and W. L. Diltz, Jr., as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

C. M. LARGENT, President.
W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of October, A. D., 1931
ADDIE HOLLER,
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL)
CORRECT—Attest:
DAVID HENDRICKS,
MAX MELLINGER,
J. S. SWANN,
Directors.

Will Play Another Picture Each Week

H. T. Hodge, owner and manager of the Queen theatre, has just returned from Dallas where he went to contract for some of the biggest and most outstanding pictures of the year. He is elated over the pictures he has secured and says that he is going to try again and see if he cannot run two pictures a week here.

On Wednesday and Thursday nights he will run all the big pictures at the low prices of 10c and 25c. On Friday and Saturday he will run western pictures and plenty of comedies for the benefit of the country people and others that like the western outdoor type of pictures.

On Wednesday and Thursday of next week he will run Amos and Andy in "Check and Double Check." Other pictures booked for Wednesday and Thursday showing are "Cimarron," "Cracked Nuts," "Hook, Line and Sinker" and other big pictures.

The Sunday show, announced for last Sunday at the Queen theatre, was called off by Mr. Hodge, when he learned of opposition on the part of the good people of Merkel. He stated to a representative of The Mail that there would be no further effort at Sunday showing at the Queen.

Just Like Smiths.

Buenos Aires.—What the Cohens and Smiths are to the New York telephone directory is the name of Gonzalez to the Buenos Aires telephone list. The Gonzalezes take five pages. Next comes the Fernandez family with a half page less.

Was First in Texas To Remove Appendix

Abilene, Oct. 22.—Dr. L. W. Hollis, Sr., who performed the first recorded operation for appendicitis in Texas, died at his home here Thursday night. He was 70 years old and one of west Texas' most prominent practitioners.

In 1885 Dr. Hollis performed an operation on a young woman in Anson, Texas, removing an "abscess." Two years later medical authorities recognized it as the first operation for removal of the appendix.

Famous Mayflower is Purchased for \$16,105

Washington, Oct. 22.—The famous and once stately U. S. S. Mayflower, which served four presidents as official yacht, will shortly be just a heap of scrap iron.

Leo P. Coe of Chicago has purchased the fire-wrecked hulk from the navy for \$16,105.

Once the yacht of Ogden Goellet, Rhode Island millionaire, the Mayflower was purchased by the navy in 1898 and immediately pressed into service as a blockade vessel in the Spanish-American war. It was converted into a presidential yacht by Theodore Roosevelt in 1902.

She served Roosevelt and Presidents Taft, Wilson and Coolidge, being de-commissioned in 1929 by President Hoover.

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Pork & Beans	Armour's	6c
Soap	Palmolive, 3 for	19c
Matches	6 boxes	13c
Cocoa	Hershey's, 1 pound	25c
Cocoa	Hershey's, 1-2 pound	15c
Sorghum	East Texas	50c
Lettuce	per head	5c
Coffee	2 lbs. Folger's and Hill Bros.	79c
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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gafford had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Keltz, Mrs. Tom Hardison and her son, Tommie, and Mr. Foy Steadman, all of Vernon.

Rev. Houston Scott and wife of Abilene were guests Sunday of their brothers, T. D. and Spurgeon, and attended services at the Baptist church here.

Ed Sherman is home after a visit of several weeks in Fort Worth with a daughter and a brother.

Mises Rayer Sparks, Mildred Cariker and Vera Lee of Abilene Christian college were week-end guests of Misses Lucille and Marjory Adrian.

Miss Erma Dean Duncan of Sweetwater was the guest Monday of Miss Pete Smith.

Mesdames Rado Archer and Carlton McLeod were recent guests of Mrs. C. T. Hendrix of Abilene.

J. P. Roberts made a business trip to Texarkana and Jefferson last week and he was accompanied home by his brother, Clyde, who will be here for sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Norwood and children, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Sledge and baby, visited at Ballinger Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Winn was the guest last Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. English, of Hermleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Roberts of Ranger were passing guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley were charming host and hostess on Wednesday evening, the 14th, to a number of friends. Games of "42" and singing were enjoyed and at the refreshment hour a delicious sandwich plate and hot chocolate and cake was served to Messrs. and Mesdames Buster Edwards, R. E. Dowdy and Nathan Wood, Merkel.

Among those from here attending the dedication of the Johnnie Lovell tabernacle at Abilene last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry and children, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods, Mrs. J. A. Brown, Miss Winnie Brown, Mrs. J. C. Churchwell, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Payne, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Halbrook.

Those from here attending the meeting at the First Baptist church at Abilene Tuesday were C. T. Beckham and Mesdames Alex Williamson, Wash, Ed Burks, McDonald and J. B. Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Sammons are announcing the birth of a baby girl, named Mary Nell, on the sixteenth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Joyce of Roby were passing guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian last Thursday.

Elmer Dunn of Los Angeles, Calif., visited relatives and old time friends here all of last week. Elmer is a home boy but has been away some ten years.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Murdock stopped over for a short visit Monday.

On October 14 the ninth grade of the High school elected the following class officers for the year: Joe Ella McLeod, reporter; John Hamner, president; Charlie McLeod, vice president; Asha Hutcherson, secretary; Mildred Steadman, assistant secretary; Dave Howell, treasurer; program committee, Nathalie Walker and Thelma Nalley; sponsor, Miss Burgess.

TRENT METHODIST CHURCH.

Services at the Methodist church Sunday, October 25, will be as follows: Sunday School 10 a. m. Mrs. E. E. Cribley with her class of intermediates will have charge of the opening exercises.

Leonard Stribling will preach at 11 a. m. Leonard is our own boy, and is giving his life in answer to the call of the Master to the work of the ministry. The public is cordially invited to come and hear this young man.

League meetings as follows: Juniors 4 p. m., Intermediates 5 p. m., Seniors at 6 p. m. We urge all our children and young people to come to these meetings. You will be helped by coming.

REV. E. E. WHITE WILL PREACH.

Rev. E. E. White will preach at the Abilene district, will preach at the Methodist church in Trent on Tuesday night, October 27, at 7:30 p. m. Brother White needs no introduction to the people of Trent, but we give you a hearty welcome to this service.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 10 a. m. Preaching and worship 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Tuesday 7:30 p. m. Ladies' Bible class Thursday 3 p. m. All members are urged to be at these services, on time and have a



good lesson. The general public is invited.

L. E. Carpenter, Minister.

COMPERE NEWS

This section of the country has been benefitted greatly by the recent rains. There is quite a bit of grain being sown at the present time.

Our community was saddened by the death of Uncle Billy Tarpley. He has a host of friends who mourn his departure. Funeral services and burial were at Compere.

Rev. Mr. Carpenter of Lubbock preached at Zion Chapel last Sunday night.

Messrs. Chester and Burley Bond and wives of Trent have been visiting relatives in this community the last few days.

Messrs. E. C. Tarvin, Sim Allred and Gene Bumpass attended the commissioners court at Anson Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harris near Hodges.

George Smith is somewhat improved at this writing.

Messrs. Edd Breeze and A. L. and C. M. Foster made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Mrs. Chester Lucas and Miss Flora Adkin were Noodle visitors the first of this week.

Earl Foster of Merkel spent a few days in our vicinity last week.

Quite a few of Mrs. W. J. Spurgin's friends slipped in on her last Monday afternoon and gave her a shower. Many beautiful and useful gifts were received. Cake, iced tea and hot chocolate was passed to the following guests: Mesdames H. R. Chancey, C. E. Lucas, Riley Rauns, John Henry Palmer, Raymond Stout, Clarence Foster, A. J. Newman, Jim Johnson, G. B. Stout, Ben Adkins, Emery Wilburn, Edd Spurgin, Harvey Allred, Sim Allred, Alice Osborne, T. K. Marshall, R. P. Horton, E. C. Tarvin, Sr., E. C. Tarvin, Jr., Jim Spurgin, Gene Spurgin, M. D. Lucas, Grandma Spurgin, and Misses Foy Wilburn, Eva Lou Allred, Flora Adkin and a niece of Mrs. M. D. Lucas from Mt. Pleasant whose name we failed to learn.

It has been some time since we have seen any Hodges News, what has become of the correspondent from there?

BARGAIN DAYS.

From now until Dec. 31st, subscription price for The Merkel Mail in Taylor and adjoining counties is only \$1.00 per year. This will save you 50 cents, if you will renew your subscription during these three months. If you are in arrears, you can pay up the past year and extend a new year at the bargain offer of \$1.00 per year. Do it now. Offer positively expires December 31st.

Bears or wolves are not found in Africa.

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Australia's 1931-32 wheat crop is estimated at 180,000,000 bushels.

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Advertisement in the Merkel Mail.

Merkel Banker Named In Two Bills; Attorney Says Only an Overdraft

Abilene, Oct. 22.—In clean-up indictments returned Friday by the grand jury of 42nd district court were two bills, each charging R. O. Anderson, Merkel, with embezzlement and misapplication of bank funds. The total amount set up in the indictments was \$4,150.

Anderson appeared in court the same day with his attorneys, W. R. Day and Dallas Scarborough, and his bondsmen, Claude Comegys, a brother-in-law, and S. D. Gamble, Merkel druggist. Judge M. S. Long fixed bond at \$1,000 in each count, and set October 28 as the date for trial.

Mr. Anderson has been active vice-president of the Farmers State Bank in Merkel, but terminated his connection with the institution several weeks ago. He came to Abilene, engaged counsel, and told the Reporter that he has nothing to conceal, and expects, at his trial, to state "frankly and fully all facts upon which this indictment was returned."

Dallas Scarborough, of counsel for Anderson, handed the Reporter the following statement:

"It will be shown at the proper time that the Merkel bank has not lost a dime and that the sum involved in this case was completely repaid before an indictment was returned. It was, in fact, simply an overdraft, but Mr. Anderson did not have the consent of his board to make the overdraft, which is a technical violation of the law. The draft was covered in full before the matter was submitted to the grand jury."

"Mr. Anderson has nothing to conceal, and intends at his trial to state all the facts frankly and fully."

"This matter will not in any way affect the Farmers State Bank in Merkel, which has sustained no loss whatever. Mr. Anderson's connection with that institution has been, to him and his friends, a source of gratification and pride. It will be remembered that, in February of 1930, owing to the closing of the Texas National bank of Fort Worth, the Farmers State Bank of Merkel, having \$40,000 of its funds tied up in the Fort Worth institution, was compelled to temporarily close.

"The bank's comeback was one of the finest examples of courage and confidence this section has ever seen reflecting great credit on the people of the Merkel community. Mr. Anderson's part in the reorganization was this: he himself, through his wife's inheritance, placed \$25,000 in new money into the reorganized institution and was one of the leading factors in its prompt reopening. Mr. Anderson is a product of this section, a member of a fine pioneer family, and at the proper time we will show that the offense charged to him is purely technical."

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DORA DOINGS

Yep, it rains on the Divide. A nice slow rain—didn't damage the cotton much and was a great help to small grain.

Ben Butler, who has been sick, is improving nicely.

E. J. Hendrix of Baird was in this community Saturday.

The Divide was lucky in getting the Nolan County singing convention for next May by four votes over Roscoe Riley Whisenunt and family of Nubia were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Oscar Ensminger and Miss Ruby Maynard were married in Sweetwater Saturday and will be at home to their friends on one of the Elliott farms south of Dora.

H. Phillips and son made a business trip to Anson recently.

H. W. Clayton had the misfortune of getting one of his mule's legs broken Sunday night. The stock were in the lane and it was supposed that a car hit the mule and broke his leg. It was necessary to kill the mule.

Mrs. C. E. Raper made a business trip to Abilene Saturday.

We regret to report Mrs. G. M. Hamilton on the sick list again.

Mrs. Myrtle Phillips of Champion spent the week-end here with her mother, Mrs. Lee Magee.

White Church News

We have had two wonderfully good rains the last week.

Brother Marvin Williams of Abilene filled the pulpit here at both services Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer and son, J. H., of Snyder visited in the home of Mr. Farmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer, over the week-end.

Miss Edna Carter of Blair is visiting Mrs. H. West.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Turner visited Mrs. Turner's sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Dye, of Bitter Creek, Sunday.

Mrs. A. M. Brown, who has been real sick, is some better at this time.

Miss Orene Berry is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lindsey, Maurice Pressley and Clovis Harrison visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harrison of Buffalo Gap recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Fulton of Winters attended church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison entertained with a musicale Wednesday night. Everyone reported a very nice time.

Leo Huff of Dora visited friends here last week.

Lynward Harrison and H. E. Farmer left for Levelland this week to pick cotton.

The Nubia league paid us a visit Sunday night and rendered a fine program, which was appreciated very much. We extend them a hearty welcome to come again.

The distance from Pensacola to Key West by rail is approximately the same as that from New York to Chicago.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

BLAIR ITEMS

It has rained—it has sure enough rained. The rainy season began Sunday night and it looks like it might rain the rest of the winter. Different parts of the county report varying amounts of moisture since Sunday and it can be said by this time that all parts of this section of the county have been well supplied with two inches or more rainfall. It was a nice rain and very little damage was done to cotton open in the fields. One of the greatest blessings of the rain is the fact that the farms now have stock water.

A number of farmers have planted their small grain and this will be up and growing in a short time and will be a great help for winter pasturage for stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer and son, J. H., of Snyder came over by car and spent the week-end with Mrs. Farmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell, and other relatives.

Miss Velma Horton of Trent was the midweek guest of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds of Trent attended the services conducted by their son, Rev. John Reynolds, of Abilene at the Baptist church Sunday. They also visited in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes.

Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Hulsey with their three charming children of Merkel were passing visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Sunday.

Clyde Deavers of Noodle was seen in our midst Sunday.

Mrs. Tubsville of Dallas en route to California visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore several days recently.

Mrs. Maggie Hunter and children of the Canyon attended services here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield and daughter visited their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mayfield, of Merkel, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks and son, J. E., of Butman visited Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Spears with their handsome little son of the Plains motored over and spent the day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears. Also Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley and family of Stith visited in this home Friday and Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Hodges of Shiloh were houseguests one day recently.

Sam Price made a pleasure trip to see his brother at Clyde the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and children enjoyed an overnight stay Saturday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan of Clyde.

Little Overal Brown, who has been on the sick list, is doing nicely.

George Ritchie of Castle Peak attended church services here Sunday.

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 offerings of their goods.

WARREN NEWS

The farmers are smiling over the good fall rains that fell Sunday and Monday nights of last week.

Buster and Thurman McCoy and Roy and Pete Clark left for the Plains Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown spent Saturday night with Mrs. Brown's mother of Noodle.

Miss Ruth Dunnam entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night of last week. Everyone reported a nice time.

There was quite a bit of excitement Sunday night when the baled hay of Homer Patterson's burned.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wittman returned Sunday from Rochester where they were visiting Mrs. Wittman's sister.

Gaston Hobbs has returned home from Knox City.

Those who visited Mrs. B. E. McCoy Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson, Brooks Patterson and wife and Mrs. McCoy's parents, Grandma and Grandpa Patterson.

Mrs. R. L. Newman's daughter from Big Spring visited her Sunday.

Mrs. Opal Parker was on the sick list last week, but is well at this writing.

Jewel and Miss Hazel Thomas were visiting in the Stith community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Jones are visiting his sister at Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown entertained the young folks last Saturday night.

Mrs. J. T. Dunnam and Mrs. Opal Parker spent the day with Mrs. Earl Mashburn of Merkel Friday.

Miss Lena Mae Chancey spent Sunday with Miss Johnny Burns of Stith.

GOLAN NEWS

Little Billie Pratt Brown had the misfortune of dislocating her collar bone in the shoulder joint last Thursday.

Our school starts Monday, October 26.

Brother Biggs will preach for us Sunday and Sunday night.

Our Sunday School is increasing in number; 106 were present last Sunday. League and prayer meeting is well attended each Sunday night.

Orvel Hill and Frank Lawlis were Union visitors Sunday afternoon.

W. M. West made a flying trip to Seagrave Sunday.

The Ladies' 4-H club met last Wednesday evening at the school house. Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Edna Brown gave a report of the council meeting in Anson last fourth Saturday. Miss Bonner, our agent, will meet with us Wednesday, October 28.

Mrs. Manson James of Shiloh spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Efford Brown.

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Editor-in-Chief—Ida Mae Derstine.
 Assistant Editor—Lela Patterson.
 Society Editor—Mary Elizabeth Grimes.
 Sports Editor—Willie Evelyn Boaz.
 Assistant Sports Editor—Ross Ferrier.
 Joke Editor—Cephas Wozencraft.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

Anson Tigers will meet Merkel Badgers on the Merkel field, Friday afternoon, October 24, 1931, at 3:30 o'clock.

Watch out people for this will be a fight! Our Badgers may be small, but they have "that old fight in 'em" and that is what it takes to have a team. The pep squad will be there in full swing with that "old spirit" and "pep." Remember the pep squad is with the dear old Badgers until the last whistle, winning or losing. The people of this town should feel the same way, so come on and support your home team Friday afternoon.

THE DRAMATIC CLUB.

Miss Tracy's studio was the setting for the first Dramatic Club party last Saturday evening, October 8. Misses "Sis" Boaz, Margaret Canon, Ida Mae Derstine and Mary Elizabeth Grimes and Messrs. B. P. Middleton, Gerald Derrick, Marshall Stalls and Paul Collins were joint hostesses and hosts.

The theme carried out during the evening was "The Owl and the Pussy Cat" and "The Land of Beginning Again." Partners were chosen by unique half moons in shape of boats. A game was played; Paul Collins gave a very interesting talk; Miss Tracy very effectively read "The Land of Beginning Again;" and Van Roberts and Margaret Miller sang "The Owl and the Pussy Cat." Magazines were passed out and each guest was asked to tear out of the paper the form of an owl or a pussy cat. Ruth Calloway and Elmer Adcock proved themselves the best artists. Duncan Briggs played a piano selection which was followed by a very inspiring talk by Lona Bryan. Each guest was then asked to describe a certain person in M. H. S. Many admirable traits of character were brought out, about the persons described, among which were Mr. Burgess's never failing chapel announcements.

The hour was then turned over to the president, B. P. Middleton, who presided over a short business meeting. Plans for the club for the year were discussed. Several members gave their opinions of what was to be accomplished during the year. The meeting adjourned and went to the Grammar School auditorium where a one-act play was presented.

The one-act play which was presented was entitled "Judge Lynch." The characters were as follows: Opal Huskey, Zada Bell, Jim Patterson and Howard Stanley. The scene of the play was in an old southern farm house. This was the first of the series of plays that are to be given this term. The characters in this play are to be commended for the excellent acting.

Immediately after the play guests reassembled in the club room for refreshments, which consisted of sandwiches, olives, potato chips, mints and punch.

The guests of the club for the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess, Miss Martin and Mr. Benny Sheppard.

THOMAS L. BLANTON SPEAKS AT CHAPEL.

Thomas L. Blanton, the representative from the seventeenth district of the state of Texas, addressed the student body, the faculty and local citizens of Merkel at the High School auditorium during the chapel hour of October 14.

Mr. Blanton, who seemed to be an admirer of youth, expressed his appreciation of being able to speak before such an audience.

Mr. Blanton has occupied a seat in the legislative body at Washington almost continuously since 1917. Therefore, he was able to describe to us the government of the United States. This government, as he stated, is composed of three distinct divisions, each independent of the others. These three branches are executive, judicial and legislative.

The governing body of the nation, as it was described, is composed of two divisions, the senate and the house of representatives. The senate is composed of ninety-six members, two from each state. The house is composed of four hundred and thirty-five members, each state represented according to the population of the respective state. The judicial department is composed of all federal courts, with the supreme court at its head. The head of the executive department is the president of the United States.

After delivering a thirty minute address, Mr. Blanton went to the gov-

ernment class, and there he devoted his entire period answering questions asked him by the student class. When he finished answering questions, a copy of the United States constitution was given each student.

JUNIOR CLASS.

The Junior class of M. H. S. had a class meeting. In this meeting the class officers were elected.

The officers are: Imogene Middleton, president; Howard Stanley, secretary and treasurer, and Meyer Melinger, reporter.

The president appointed a motto committee. They are: Nell Hughes, Florence Rider and Margaret Miller. They picked twelve mottoes and the class chose "Live, laugh, love for there may come a day when you can't."

The flower and color committee consisted of: Lucille Campbell, Thelma Leach and Lena Mae Hokit. They have not turned in their reports yet but probably will before the next issue of "The Badger Weekly."

HASKELL HANDS MERKEL FIRST CONFERENCE DEFEAT, 18-0.

The Merkel Badgers lost the initial game of their contemporary conference season last Friday when their journey to Haskell was terminated by an 18-0 loss to the large and powerful Haskell Indians. Until the last quarter, the feature of the game was the Badger's stubborn defense, but in the closing seconds of the affray, the locals turned loose a barrage of passes that almost turned the tide of battle.

Haskell opened its scoring parade early in the second quarter, the touchdown terminating a 30-yard march that the Merkel boys were unable, for once, to check. Their try for point by kick was frustrated by one of their own men. After the first counter, the Badgers settled down to good playing, and it was only in the third quarter that the Indians were able to add to their margin of victory. The Indians scored in that period after Wilson, Merkel's punting quarter, who was kicking from behind his own goal line, almost had his kick blocked; the ball went out of bounds on Merkel's 25-yard line, and the Indians ground out a touchdown from there for their second counter. Their kick for extra point was blocked by Collins, Merkel tackle.

The third and final score came in the last period. Merkel, playing superb football, had the Indians on their own 8-yard line, after dazzling them with passes. The Haskell aerial defense suddenly clicked and the Indians left half snatched the ball out of Wilson's hands crossed the Merkel goal-line after a beautiful 95-yard run. The game ended before the Badgers could overcome that lead.

The Badger line-up was: Gamble, left end; Collins, left tackle; Shouse, left guard; Middleton, center; Ferrier, right guard; Toombs, right tackle; Russell, right end; Derrick, left half; Cade, right half; Wilson, quarter; Boaz, full back.

Substitutions—Williams for Gamble and Gamble for Williams.

TENNIS CLUB.

Another High School club of major importance has been organized—the Tennis club. Officers for the year were elected and the idea of building two courts was taken up.

The officers that were elected were: Gerald Derrick, president; Zada Bell, secretary.

The club adjourned with the idea of meeting in the near future to consider the ways in which money may be raised and the amount of dues each member is to be taxed.

DID YOU KNOW—

That Marshall Stalls thinks the biggest joke on the Senior class is the fact that Cephas Wozencraft was chosen Joke Editor?

—That Cephas Wozencraft thinks the biggest joke on the Senior class is the fact that Marshall Stalls was elected vice-president.

—That if Jack Patterson studies about three times as much in the future as he has in the past, his report card won't have very many red marks on it?

—That if about fifty of the best looking boys in High school were to stop school, and if a person happened to see Jim Patterson when Jim had his back turned, this person might be misled into believing that Jim was the best looking boy in M. H. S.

—That the actions of Marshall Stalls in the last few days have led

some people to believe that he is in love?

—That when some of the wise cracks made in history class are published, Will Rogers is likely to lose his fame?

—That all of us have our opinion as to the cause of Paul's cheek being a little out of its natural order, but only Paul and Julia know exactly what happened?

—That the entire country is now suffering from a financial depression?

JOKES.

Ross: "Just to think, I promised my father I would never become a football player."

Coach Irvin: "You've certainly kept your promise."

Jack P.: "She is certainly a girl without principle."

Cullen T.: "Yes, but look at the interest she draws."

B. P.: "Coach, I surely swept two of those Haskell boys right off their feet."

Coach Irvin: "Yes, and that pretty little brunette nearly swept you clear off the field."

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.

On Friday, Oct. 9, Ray Poe, assistant fire chief of Abilene, gave a talk in chapel on fire prevention. He named some twenty fire hazards. Among which were: electric irons that do not have pilot lights, flues that do not have proper lining, shingled roofs, rubber hose on gas stoves, and cooking stoves without lining behind them.

He also stated that the fire loss last year was five hundred million dollars, and with that money one could buy one million Ford cars and have them delivered, or buy one half of the colleges and universities of the United States, or equip and pay the

expense of the U. S. navy for four years. Most of these fires were caused from carelessness, such as throwing down lighted cigarettes and lighted matches.

Let everyone be careful and try to do his part toward fire prevention.

CHORAL AND GLEE CLUBS GIVE PROGRAM AT CHAPEL.

The Choral and Glee clubs entertained for the first time this year with a program dedicated to our state, Texas. The program was as follows: "Out Where The West Begins," Entire Chorus.

"Dixie," Entire Chorus.

"When It's Night Time in Texas," Betty Lou Grimes and Entire Chorus.

"The World Is Waiting For The Sunrise," Choral Club.

"Dear Old Dad," Glee Club.

"Mother Mine," Choral Club.

"Sweet Mystery of Life," Entire Chorus.

"The Eyes of Texas," Van Roberts and Burneal Scott and Entire Chorus.

PEP SQUAD.

One way to start school off with a "bang" is to organize a pep squad. One of the first clubs in M. H. S. to organize was the pep squad. The success or failure of any pep squad depends entirely upon the leaders. The members of this organization feel as if they chose the best leaders that were to be had. "Sis" Boaz was elected main yell leader, with Nell Durham and Thelma Leach as her assistants. Other officers of the club are: Miss Helen Patterson, sponsor; Margaret Canon, secretary and treasurer; Ida Mae Derstine, reporter.

The big event that has taken place in the pep squad was their stunt at Paramore Field, Abilene, when the Merkel Badgers met the Roby men. Merkel's pep squad proved to be the many spectators that not only were the Badgers alive, but also the pep

squad and M. H. S. The girl's suits are purple and gold and they are made in a very clever and becoming way.

All M. H. S. is proud of the fact that a number of boys have joined the pep squad. Leo Tucker was chosen as yell leader for the boys' squad. Members of the boys' organization wear purple trousers and gold shirts. A great part of the success of the pep squad belongs to the boys.

This pep squad is always ready to cheer the dear old Badgers all they can. They are willing to yell themselves hoarse, and they will stand behind M. H. S. and the Badgers throughout the year. The squad plans to do bigger and greater things in the future.

THE SENIORS.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1931, the Seniors held their first class meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to elect the officers. Paul Collins, who was Junior president, was elected president; Marshall Stalls, vice-president, Margaret Canon, secretary-treasurer. The president appointed a committee to nominate the officers for the "Badger Weekly." The members of the committee were Mrs. Irvin, chairman; Ida Mae Derstine, Ross Ferrier, Elmer Adcock and Paul Collins.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1931, the following officers for the "Badger Weekly" were elected: Ida Mae Derstine, editor-in-chief; Lela Patterson, assistant editor-in-chief; Willie Evelyn Boaz, sport editor; Ross Ferrier, assistant sport editor; Mary Elizabeth Grimes, society editor; Cephas Wozencraft, joke editor. Two committees were appointed by the president. The members of the committee to select mottoes were Margaret Canon, chairman; Isadore Melinger and Woodrow Wilson. The members of the committee to select

colors and the class flower were: B. P. Middleton, chairman; Mary Elizabeth Grimes and Marie Stanford.

THE FRESHMAN CLASS.

Although the Freshman class has not organized as yet, it plans to sometime in the near future. With Miss Martin as sponsor, plans are being made to put the Freshman class of 1931-32 over in a big way.

E. S. A. W. CLUB.

The E. S. A. W. club met for the first time, October 14, 1931, in Miss Tracy's studio. Each member answered to roll call by telling of "The Worst Scare that I Ever Had."

The program committee consisted of Billy Gardner, chairman, Julia Proctor and Caribel Mansfield, who planned the Halloween program as follows:

Song—"Halloween," Lois Whiteley, Caribel Mansfield, Sarah Sheppard and Julia Proctor

Story—"Origin of Halloween," David Gamble.

Poem—"Tam O'Shanter," Wanda Hunter.

Duet—"Flight of the Witches," Lois Whiteley and Julia Proctor.

Readings—Dora Marie Gaither, Marilyn Sue Grimes, Billy Haynes and Dorothy Nell Haynes.

Story—"The Haunted House," J. B. Moore.

Story—"The Three Strangers," Faye Pinckley.

Original Talk—"Wrong Attitude Toward Halloween," Vivian Lassiter.

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DEATH CLAIMS MRS. B. JENKINS

Resident of County for 50 Years
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Funeral Rites Held Tuesday.

Writing first to a residence of 50 years in Nolan and Taylor county and having lived to enjoy her allotted three score and ten years in devotion to her family, in usefulness to her fellowman and in consecrated service to the Master, Mrs. Benjamin Jenkins passed away at 11:15 Monday morning at her home here, following an illness of five weeks. Three daughters, who live in other cities, had been at her bedside for more than a week: Mrs. Lily Bryson of Tokio, Mrs. H. B. Hill of Galveston and Mrs. J. O. Steele of Sweetwater. Others of the seven surviving children are: T. C. Jenkins and Fred Jenkins of Merkel, Claude Jenkins of Noodle and Mrs. Jasper McCoy of Merkel.

A half-sister, Mrs. G. W. Whiteaker of the Divide community, was also with Mrs. Jenkins at death. George Hawkins of Stanton and John Hawkins of Balmorhea are half-brothers. Fourteen grandchildren survive.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist church at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, with Rev. T. C. Willet of Hamlin, former Methodist pastor here, officiating, and interment was in Rose Hill cemetery beside the grave of her husband, who died twenty years ago.

Thomas Ellen Woodson, (the maiden name of Mrs. Jenkins,) was born in Johnson county July 12, 1861, and was married to Benjamin Jenkins in Ellis county Feb. 7, 1878. The couple moved to the Divide community on the Taylor-Nolan county line more than 50 years ago and Mrs. Jenkins continued to reside there until about 15 years ago when she moved to Merkel.

Mrs. Jenkins had been a member of the Methodist church since young womanhood. During her long residence in this section, she had acquired a large circle of friends, all of whom had come to love and respect her as a type of the ideal wife and mother, a living example of true Christian womanhood and all that her religion stood for. She had lived unselfishly and found life's cup of joy full to overflowing in the reciprocal love of her children and the satisfying as-

sociation of countless friends and neighbors.

Among the many from out-of-town who came for the funeral were: Mrs. A. G. Elliott and family, C. F. Sanders, Mrs. C. S. Boyles, Mrs. R. Robbins and family, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Elliott, of Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCoy, Mrs. G. W. Wallis and family, Mrs. S. Dennis and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cook and family, of Dora; Mrs. Alice Wood, Mrs. C. E. Whitaker, Mrs. Eugene Hargrove, Mrs. Hal Brittain and Mrs. Burl Wheeler, of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Meeks, Mrs. Walter Bryson and children of Tokio, and the sons-in-law, Messrs. Hill of Galveston, Bryson of Tokio and Steele of Sweetwater.

William H. Tarpley.

On Monday morning, Oct. 19, at 11:30 the death angel visited the home of Boyd Tarpley at Comper and took from him his father, William H. Tarpley, age 84.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Comper Baptist church, with Rev. U. S. Sherrill, Methodist pastor at Trent, officiating. Interment was in the family lot at Comper cemetery.

Grandpa Tarpley was born in Tennessee June 16, 1847, and was married to Sarah Sadler in 1869. He was a pioneer of this section, having lived in Texas for 52 years. It was in 1915 that he and his wife and son, Boyd, moved to Taylor county, settling near Merkel in the fall of that year and having resided there ever since.

Besides his wife, he is survived by seven children, only two of whom were present at the time of his death, E. M. and Boyd. Other children are: Shelly Tarpley, Ida, Okla.; Mrs. Nan-

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