

## DILLINGHAM TO BE AREA MANAGER MUNDAY DISTRICT

Local Manager for Five Years at Merkel Transferred to Another Field; Will be Succeeded Here by W. S. Dickerson.

Mat Dillingham, local manager of the West Texas Utilities company for the past five years, has been made area manager for the Munday district of the same company and will remove with his family to Munday on Friday of this week. The announcement of the transfer was made here Tuesday by Al Breihan, district superintendent of the utilities company.

Mat was first advised of the change on Tuesday of last week and at the luncheon on that day of the Lions club of which he was president he tendered his resignation to the club. As next in line of succession, S. D. Gamble, one of the vice-presidents, automatically became president of the club. On the following day Dillingham was advised that the change was not to be made at that time and for this reason no report was made in our last issue of the Lions club's action. A committee, appointed at the time to confer with the utilities chiefs, expressing the feelings that the club "learned with reluctance of the proposed move and regretted to learn of the decision of the company to move Dillingham to Munday," will function in this capacity after all. This committee consists of Booth Warren, chairman, and Dee Grimes and C. J. Glover, Jr.

Efficiency of management and loyalty to the interests of the company have marked the career of Mat Dillingham ever since he has been in the service of the West Texas Utilities company, which includes service in Stamford, Tuscola and Abilene before he came to Merkel. In addition to his other qualifications, he is a man who makes friends easily and whose popularity is enviable. He has been found ready at all times to assist in every public and civic betterment. After having served the usual term of six months as president of the Lions club, the members of this organization, because of the accomplishments under his leadership, drafted him for another term, which he was serving at the time of the announcement of his removal to another city.

Merkel regrets to lose Mat Dillingham from her roll of useful citizens, but, recognizing that in his new field he will have larger opportunities, sends him and his estimable family to Munday with their best wishes. In the area under his control will be Munday, Benjamin, Truscott, Goree, Knox City, Weinert, Rochester and Rule.

W. S. Dickerson, who has been local manager at Munday, will arrive Friday to take charge of the Merkel property of the West Texas Utilities company, succeeding Dillingham here.

## TEACHERS PICK BRADSHAW MAN FOR PRESIDENT

H. O. Harris Heads County Teachers Association; Merkel Superintendent Named Director General.

Abilene, Nov. 12.—Taylor county teachers in all-day session here Saturday elected H. O. Harris, Bradshaw superintendent, president of the county association and named R. A. Burgess, Merkel superintendent, director general of the interscholastic league organization. Harris succeeds Ben L. Graham, Wylie superintendent. Miss Johnnie Hinds of Caps was made association secretary, succeeding Miss Cassie Williams of Potosi.

League department directors were chosen as follows: R. O. Peterson, Bradshaw, athletics; Comer Clay, Wylie, debate; Mrs. Weldell Foreman, Elmdale, declamation; Mrs. J. A. Bristow, North Peak, spelling; Mrs. W. C. Ribble, Potosi, music memory; Miss Beatrice Mitchell, Buffalo Gap, picture memory; Miss Jewell Burklow, I. X. L., essay; Mrs. H. H. King, Pleasant Hill, choral singing; Mrs. R. H. Jennings, Oval, arithmetic; J. J. Bresheam, New Hope, three R's; Miss Velma Sharp, Wylie, one-act play; Miss Cassie Williams, Potosi, displays; R. J. Smith, Cross Roads, rural school division.

Mr. Harris, a graduate of Texas A. & M. college, has been connected with the Bradshaw schools since 1924. He also teaches vocational agriculture classes.

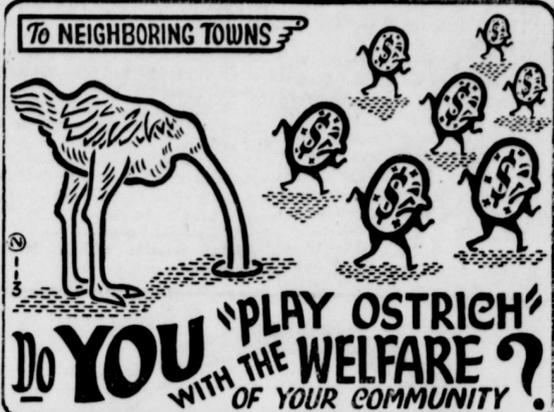
Dr. O. H. Cooper, head of the department of philosophy at Simmons university, was the chief speaker at Saturday's meeting. He explained the five-year economic and industrial plan in Russia and discussed its effect both upon Russia and America.

J. F. Bailey, principal of the Breckenridge public schools, outlined work that has been and is being done by the Texas State Teachers association. Miss Lois Choate, Taylor county chairman of junior Red Cross, spoke briefly in the interest of junior roll call plans.

Miss Madge Stanford, rural school supervisor, and K. O. Ellington, Lawn superintendent, conducted sectional meetings, held during the morning session.

Afternoon entertainment was a one-act play given by Abilene high school students, under the direction of J. N. Watson.

Nominating committee for association officers was composed of Mr. Ellington, T. M. McGehee and Miss Cassie Williams; for league nominations, O. L. Howell, Mrs. T. C. Weir, Wendall Foreman, Mrs. H. H. King and R. J. Smith.



## SITUATION WORSE IN MANCHURIA

Mission School Students Marched to Safety in French Quarter, Many Near Collapse.

Japanese troops in the Nonni bridge area in Manchuria have resumed their advance and have bombed and shelled the retiring Chinese army, the Chinese government declared Wednesday night in an urgent message to the League of Nations.

The message said the Japanese forces were twenty kilometers along the road to the Chinese controlled town of Tsitsihar.

Girl students attending the Keen school at Tientsin, operated by American Methodist missionaries, were marched to the French concession Wednesday to get them out of the danger zone.

Many of them were in a state of collapse from fear and the rigors of the long march when they arrived. The Nankai school at Tientsin also was evacuated.

An unconfirmed report said Japan had issued an ultimatum demanding removal of all Chinese soldiers from Tientsin. Negotiations between Chinese and Japanese were going on, it was authoritatively said, apparently on the basis of substitution of a Chinese regime friendly to Japan.

Emperor Hirohito of Japan ordered a fresh brigade of troops and four naval destroyers to Manchuria after word was received of a battle on a new front in which 300 Chinese and three Japanese were killed.

Japan's dead to date total 129; China's are estimated at 800 to 1,000. In Nanking 3,000 students paraded demanding war with Japan. Martial law was declared in Hankow and Shanghai.

Repairs to the Nonni bridge should be completed before the end of the week, Mukden reported. Meanwhile China continues massing troops in the vicinity.

Peiping reported Japan's strength in the Nonni region was increased to 4,000 men with 40 field guns and that 6,000 Chinese rebels, friendly to Japan, were nearby.

London attached much importance to the fact that United States Ambassador Dawes and Sir John Simon, British foreign secretary, will attend the League of Nations council meeting on the Manchurian conflict in Paris, November 16.

Secretary of State Stimson announced the receipt of "a very conciliatory note" from Japan.

## Hughes Calls Attention To Split Tax Payments

Earl Hughes, Taylor county's genial and efficient tax collector, was a Merkel visitor Thursday morning. In conversation with a representative of The Mail he called attention to the provision made by the last legislature permitting those desiring to do so to pay one half of their state and county taxes before November 30 and the remaining half before the end of June.

If the split-payment plan is not taken advantage of, the entire tax has to be paid before January 31.

**\$50 for 1913 Nickel.**  
Los Angeles.—There's \$50 awaiting the observant person who detects a 1913 Liberty five-cent piece, says R. A. Wilson, local numismatist and philatelist. And for finding a 1923 Lincoln head penny anybody can collect \$1.25. These prizes are those quoted for coins by local collectors.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

A bandit wearing smoked glasses Monday robbed a jewelry store in the heart of the business district of Breckenridge, looting the safe of \$700 in cash and \$20,000 in jewelry.

Cisco and Ranger battled to a 13 to 13 tie on Armistice Day in the most hectic aerial game seen in the Oil Belt in many a year, all four touchdowns being made on passes.

With 1,556,488 bales on hand as reported by figures of the Houston cotton exchange, Houston has more cotton than any port ever had in the world's history so far as known.

Leon D. Skelton, 25, was electrocuted at the Panhandle Power and Light company plant three miles north of Borger when his body came in contact with a 13,200 volt power line.

J. T. Harrelson, 69, watchman for the Texas & Pacific railway at Fort Worth, was crushed to death Monday night beneath the wheels of a locomotive at the crossing which he guarded.

The new president of the Kiwanis club at San Antonio is T. Fred Ewins, one of Texas' best known master farmers, who defeated realtors, insurance agents and merchants for the honor.

With an annual reduction in salary of \$200 each, the commissioners court of Mitchell county has renewed for another year their contracts with the county agent and the home demonstration agent.

Successful in saving the life of his friend, W. C. Winn, his heroism cost the life of Leslie O. Kincaid, 28-year old San Angelo man, father of three children, who was burned in a boiler explosion at Longview.

After an examining trial on a complaint that he murdered Frank Gregory, who was shot down in the Forrester front yard, H. L. Forrester, a school teacher at Desdemona, was freed under \$1,500 bond.

Gustavo Calles, 13, youngest son of General Plutarco Calles, former president of Mexico and now financial and military director of the country, has enrolled in San Marcos academy at San Marcos. He will start in the seventh grade.

While their mother was in town for groceries, Marlene Sanders, 5 and her 19-month-old brother, Bobby Ray Sanders, were burned to death when their home two miles west of Iraan was destroyed by fire of unknown origin. Their father is in the East Texas Oil Fields.

Ely J. Perkins of Bastrop has been appointed sheriff of Bastrop county. District Judge W. F. Robertson of Austin, who tried the case of Woody Townsend, Bastrop county sheriff, convicted on a charge of extortion in connection with fees and mileage in criminal cases, Perkins will serve pending final decision of the court of criminal appeals in the Townsend case.

**Uncle Bill Sheppard Ill.**  
Uncle Bill Sheppard has been seriously ill for the past week, his condition having been slightly improved Wednesday and Wednesday night.

**Contracts to Trap Skunks.**  
Missouri Flat, Ore., Nov. 12.—One can't be too particular in times of economic stress, George Herriott, veteran trapper, opined. He signed a contract to catch 50 live skunks.

## BADGERS IN SECOND FLING WITH PUTNAM LOCAL FIELD TODAY

### BADGERS CHALK FIRST VICTORY

Local High School Eleven Downs Hamlin Pied Pipers by Score of 13 to 6.

(By J. T. Darsey, Jr.)  
The Merkel High School Badgers brought joy to the hearts of their fans Friday afternoon when they downed the Pied Pipers of Hamlin, 13-6. The teams played to the largest crowd of the year here, many of the business houses closing for the game. The game, the only one the Badgers have taken this year, became the talk of the town, and the Badgers will have plenty of support in their battle here next week with Putnam.

Merkel slipped over her two touchdowns before the Pipers could get their attack organized. Derrick, Merkel's brilliant halfback, scored the first counter in the second period when he scampered 18 yards after receiving Boaz' toss. Boaz' placekick was perfect. The Badgers counted again in the third quarter when Williams, left end, took a pass from Boaz and galloped 15 yards to score. Boaz failed to place-kick the extra point.

The Pipers, in a desperate attempt to even the count, took to the air; Shelburn heaved 16 passes, but only six were completed. The score came in the last quarter when C. Johnson bucked over from the 4-yard line. Shelburn failed to add the extra point.

The Fisher county lads evidently came here expecting the Badgers to rely on the same flashy brand of aerobatics that worked against Stamford, but the locals crossed them up by using running plays in the first quarter. After the Pipers had decided the locals could not pass, Boaz changed their mind for them by tossing 12 passes, and eight of them were completed for a total gain of 74 yards. The Hamlin lads were able to complete only six passes out of 18 attempts for a total of 46 yards. Merkel outplayed the visitors in running plays also, the Badgers making 139 (Continued on Page Four)

Presenting a Much Better Defensive and Having Developed a Dangerous Passing Attack, Home Boys After Vengeance.

The Merkel High School Badgers will have their second fling at the strong Putnam team this season here Friday afternoon when the Callahan boys invade the Badgers' den.

The Badgers will be out to avenge a 27-0 defeat plastered on them in their second game of the season when they went to Putnam. The Merkel team will present a much better defensive front than the Putnam boys encountered before, and the Badger passing attack has come to be dangerous. Russell, right end, who has been ineligible because of scholastic difficulties, will be able to play this week, and Coach Briggs Irvin will have the strongest forward wall of any time this season.

Merkel stands a good chance to win the struggle, which is due to start at 3:30 Friday afternoon on the Badgers' gridiron. Regardless of the outcome, the fans are assured their money's worth, just to note the improvement of the locals.

On Friday, Nov. 20, Merkel plays Blackwell here and on Thanksgiving Day the Badgers are due to meet Rotan at Rotan.

Barring last-minute changes, the Merkel line-up will read:

Davis Williams, left end; Paul Collins, left tackle; Mardell Shouse, left guard; B. P. Middleton, center; Ross Ferrier, right guard; Deverl Toombs, right tackle; S. G. Russell, right end; Woodrow Wilson, quarter; Gerald Derrick, right half; Albert Cade, left half; Harry Boaz, full.

T. D. Riddle is to be referee and Ralph Duke umpire.

**Lions Meet Next Tuesday.**

Tuesday of next week, Nov. 18, will be the date for the next luncheon of the Lions club. Dr. W. T. Sadler is to be toastmaster, assisted by E. Yates Brown.

**B. M. Black Still Very Low.**

Reports from the bedside of B. M. Black at noon Thursday indicated that he was gradually getting weaker, with practically no hopes for a change.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, November 17, 1911.)

**ATLANTIC TO PACIFIC.**  
A world's record has been established; Rogers is the first man to do the wonderful feat of driving an airship from ocean to ocean, crossing the continent with a record of 4,000 miles in forty-seven days in a Wright biplane.

1911-12 will go down as the most successful year in Simmons' history. President Sandefor said that though the school year has been in progress two and a half months matriculation has not ceased and attendance in all departments in past the three hundred mark and before the spring term may go to the three hundred and thirty mark.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland are announcing the arrival of a fine girl, Marjorie, last Wednesday night.

Miss Claire Tate of Abilene was here for the first of the week visiting Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

Emmett Counts and daughter, Miss Grace, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald and family and E. W. McDonald spent a pleasant time at Grandpa Counts' Tuesday night. Singing and Arkansas jokes were the principal amusements.

O! yes, those new high top button shoes will be here next week, ladies.  
—W. L. Harkrider.

Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Hamilton of the Presbyterian church were the recipients of a surprise pound party on Saturday evening last. One of the most pleasant features of the evening was the music by Horace, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton. Among the guests were Mesdames Baker, Diltz, Duncan, Ellis, W. H. Dickson, Messrs. Douglass, Duncan, Eland, Ellis and Diltz, the Misses Diltz, the Misses Warnick, the Misses Russell and a number of others.

Misses Lilly and Eula Ayers entertained quite a number of their friends at their home in South Merkel on Halloween night. The home was decorated with jack-o-lanterns and a very enjoyable time was had by all. Candy and fruits were served.

The John H. Reagan society was organized Nov. 11, 1911, with the following officers: Rufford Evans, president, Choc Jones, vice-president; Pauline Johnson, secretary; Sam Swann, treasurer; Mattie Paylor, Taylor Jennings and Eva Walters, program committee; Clementine Barker and Parker Sharp, critics.



## Way of Life

### by BRUCE BARTON

**WINDOW DRESSING DUMMIES.**

On my first business job it was necessary for me to call one day at the office of a bankrupt company which had sold in small units all over the country.

Its literature had followed the familiar pattern, pointing out how much you would be worth if you invested one dollar in telephone stock in 1895, or if Ford had asked you to lend him a nickel in 1900.

Perhaps the officers were irresponsible rather than deliberately crooked. They were sure that their enterprise was destined to make fortunes for every one associated with it, and they backed their judgment with their own money. But that did not mitigate the sufferings of the people who crowded the office on the day of my call.

A station agent and his faded little wife from a country town in Pennsylvania. They had invested \$15,000, their savings of a lifetime.

A poor preacher from South Carolina. The \$6,000 which he had saved by incredible economies had been his only bulwark against the poorhouse.

A school teacher; a dentist; many men whose gnarled hands and bent backs were eloquent of heavy burdens. They wept; they cursed; they threatened, but it did no good. No one of them ever recovered a cent.

Walking away from all that tragedy, I resolved never to be associated with any company which financed itself by selling stocks to the public, not even if George Baker were the president and J. P. Morgan the sales manager.

Everybody whose name gets advertised a little is invited to go on boards of directors. It has happened even to me. I have a nice form letter that says "no."

To be on the board of a business with which you are not intimately connected means that you attend a meeting once a month, vote on a lot of things that you know nothing about, receive \$10 or \$20, and go away. The public, reading your name, believes that you are directing. Actually you are not.

In England most boards are made up of the men actually conducting the business. Once a year the chairman has to stand up before the stockholders and answer questions about every detail of the operations.

In this country the habit of being a director is a piece of business vanity. A man with a lot of directorships after his name thinks of himself as a "big shot."

Many of these famous dummies have lost money and sleep during this depression. It will be interesting to see whether the return of good times will not bring many resignations.

Directors should direct. Window dressing dummies should go out.

### WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS

The new commander of the American Legion in Texas, V. Earl Earp, Sweetwater, is a native West Texan, and said to be the first to head the organization.

Twenty-four hour service is provided at the air-weather station operated by the federal government at Abilene on the airways line.

Tarrant county leads Texas counties in the production of improved varieties of pecans.

Denton boasts one of Texas' largest artificial lakes, 16,000 acres, and costing five million dollars.

Four hundred and forty-five varieties of field crops are under observation at the Texas Experiment Station farm at Chillicothe.

Garza county leads all West Texas counties in home canning this season.

One hundred twelve students graduated from Texas Technological college, Lubbock, at the close of the two summer terms this year.

A Garza county woman made one hundred twenty-six dollars worth of cucumber products from a patch that it cost forty cents to seed.

The city council of Dallas recently issued a twenty-five year gas franchise to a New York concern.

Coleman shipped over two hundred carloads of grain this season.

A natural gas distribution system has been recently completed in Santa Anna.

Streams around Brady recently received fifteen thousand fish from the San Angelo hatchery.

Twelve carloads of machinery were necessary for use in building an earth fill at Lake Brownwood, Brownwood.

The Fort Concho museum, San Angelo, recently celebrated its third anniversary receiving numerous relics.

Eight thousand head of cattle were shipped from Midland during the past few weeks.

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### Texas Cotton Ginnings Exceed Last Year's

Texas cotton ginnings prior to October 18, 1931, totaled 3,385,122 bales, an excess of 333,359 bales over the ginnings of last year to the same date. The 1930 figure to October 18, was 3,051,763.

Reports of ginnings, by counties, was announced by the United States department of commerce, through the census bureau.

Of the state's total for this year, 22 West Texas counties have ginned 311,221 bales, almost one-tenth the entire amount. Last year's ginnings in the same area prior to October 18 were 167,394.

Runnels county leads the West Texas area, with 42,775 bales, while

Jones county ranks second with 36,551 ginnings. Taylor county is third with 26,753 bales. In the three counties ginnings to October 18 last year were 20,074; 8,562 and 8,831, respectively.

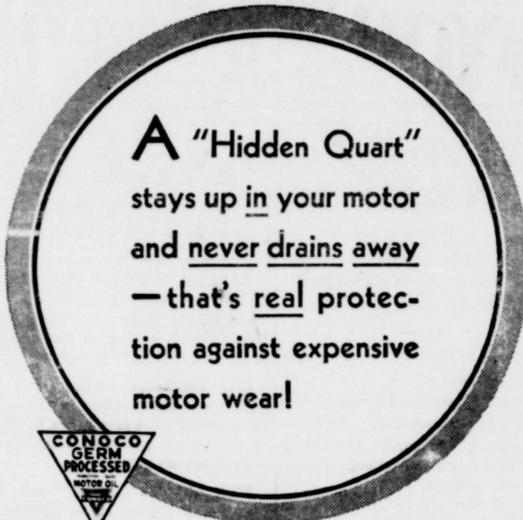
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SEVENTH INSTALLMENT.

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.

At a second seance, Miss Jeremy adds details about a summer resort where Charles Ellingham was known to have been at the same time that Mrs. Wells was there. She also speaks of a pocketbook being lost which contained some important car tickets and letters. Mrs. Dane, alone of the women, seems thrilled by the investigation.

Johnson goes alone and investigates the deserted house. He is frightened by strange noises, as of an intruder in the house, but completes his investigation.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

I know, as it happens, very little of firearms, but I did realize that a shot from a .45 Colt automatic would have considerable penetrative power. To be exact, that the bullet had probably either lodged itself in a joist, or had penetrated through the flooring and might be somewhere over my head.

But my candle was inadequate for more than the most superficial examination of the ceiling, which presented so far as I could see an unbroken surface. I turned my attention, therefore, to the floor. It was when I was turning the rug back that I recognized the origin of the sound which had so startled me. It had been the soft movement of the carpet across the floor boards.

Some one then had been there before me—some one who knew what I knew, had reasoned as I reasoned. Some one who, in all probability, still lurked on the upper floor.

Obedient an impulse, I stood erect and called out sharply, "Sperry" I said, "Sperry."

There was no answer. I tried again, calling Herbert. But only my own voice came back to me, and the whistling of the wind through the windows I had opened.

My fears, never long in abeyance that night, roused again. I had instantly a conviction that some human figure, sinister and dangerous, was lurking in the shadows of that empty floor, and I remember backing away from the door and standing in the center of the room, prepared for some stealthy, murderous assault.

When none came I looked about for a weapon, and finally took the only thing in sight, coal-tongs from the fireplace. Armed with that, I made a cursory round of the near-by rooms but there was no one hiding in them.

I went back to the rug and examined the floor beneath it. I was right. Some one had been there before me. Bits of splintered wood lay about. The second bullet had been fired, had buried itself in the floor and had, some five minutes before been dug out.

The extraordinary thing about the

Arthur Wells story was not his killing. For killing it was. It was the way it was solved.

Here was a young woman, Miss Jeremy who had not known young Wells, had not known his wife, had until that first meeting at Mrs. Dane's never met any member of the Neighborhood Club. Yet, but for her, Arthur Wells would have gone to his grave bearing the stigma of moral cowardice, of suicide.

The solution, when it came, was amazing, but remarkably simple. Like most mysteries. I have in my own house, for instance, an example of a great mystery, founded on mere absentmindedness.

This is what my wife terms the mystery of the fire-tongs.

I had left the Wells house as soon as I had made the discovery in the night nursery. I carried the candle and the fire-tongs downstairs. I was apparently, calm but watchful. I would have said that I had never been more calm in my life. I knew quite well that I had the fire-tongs in my hand. Just when I ceased to be cognizant of them was probably when, on entering the library, I found that my overcoat had disappeared, and that my stiff hat, badly broken, lay on the floor. However, as I say, I was still extraordinarily composed. I picked up my hat, and moving to the rear door went out and closed it. When I reached the street, however, I had only gone a few yards when I discovered that I was still carrying the lighted candle, and that a man, passing by, had stopped and was staring after me.

My composure is shown by the fact that I dropped the candle down the next sewer opening, but the fact remains that I carried the fire-tongs home. I do not recall doing so. In fact, I knew nothing of the matter until morning. On the way to my house I was elaborating a story to the effect that my overcoat had been stolen from a restaurant where I and my client had dined. The hat offered more serious difficulties. I fancied that, by kissing my wife good-by at the breakfast table, I might be able to get out without her following me to the front door, which is her custom.

But, as a matter of fact, I need not have concerned myself about the hat. When I descended to breakfast the next morning I found her surveying the umbrella-stand in the hall. The fire-tongs were standing there, gleaming, among my sticks and umbrellas.

I lied. I lied shamelessly. She is a nervous woman, and as we have no children, her attitude toward me is one of watchful waiting. Through long years she has expected me to commit some indiscretion—innocent, of course, such as going out without my overcoat on a cool day—and she intends to be on hand for every emergency. I dared not confess, therefore, that on the previous evening I had burglariously entered a closed house, had there surprised another intruder at work, had fallen and bumped my head severely and had, finally, had my overcoat taken.

"Horace," she said coldly, "where did you get those fire-tongs?"

"Fire-tongs?" I repeated. Why, that's so. They are fire-tongs.

"I am not a curious woman," she put in incisively, "but when my husband spends an evening out, and returns minus his overcoat, with his hat smashed, a lump the size of an egg over his ear, and puts a pair of fire-tongs in the umbrella stand under the impression that it is an umbrella,

I have a right to ask at least if he intends to continue his life of debauchery."

I made a mistake then. I should have told her. Instead, I took my broken hat and jammed it on my head with a force that made the lump she had noticed jump like a toothache, and went out.

When, at noon and luncheon, I tried to tell her the truth, she listened to the end: Then: "I should think you could have done better than that," she said. "You have had all morning to think it out."

However, if things were in a state of armed neutrality at home, I had a certain compensation for them when I told my story to Sperry that afternoon.

"You see how it is," I finished. "You can stay out of this, or come in, Sperry, but I cannot stop now. He was murdered beyond a doubt, and there is an intelligent effort being made to eliminate every particle of evidence."

He nodded.

"It looks like it. And this man who was there last night—"

"Why a man?"

"He took your overcoat, instead of his own, didn't he? It may have been—it's curious, isn't it, that we've had no suggestion of Ellingham in all the rest of the material."

Like the other members of the Neighborhood Club, he had a copy of the proceedings at the two seances, and now he brought them out and fell to studying them.

"She was right about the bullet in the ceiling," he reflected. "I suppose you didn't look for the box of shells for the revolver?"

"I meant to, but it slipped my mind."

He shuffled the loose pages of the record. "Cane—washed away by the water—a knee that is hurt—the curtain would have been safer—Hawkins—the drawing-room furniture is all over the house. That last, Horace isn't pertinent. It refers clearly to the room we were in. Of course, the point is, how much of the rest is also extraneous matter?" He re-read one of the sheets. "Of course that belongs, about Hawkins. And probably this: 'It will be terrible if the letters are found.' They were in the pocket-book, presumably."

He folded up the papers and replaced them in a drawer.

"We'd better go back to the house," he said. "Whoever took your overcoat by mistake probably left one. The difficulty is, of course, that he probably discovered his error and went back again last night. Confound it, man, if you had thought of that at the time, we would have something to go on today."

"If I had thought of a number of things, I'd have stayed out of the place altogether," I retorted tartly. "I wish you could help me about the fire-tongs, Sperry. I don't seem able to think of any explanation that Mrs. Johnson would be willing to accept."

"Tell her the truth."

"I don't think you understand," I explained. "She simply wouldn't believe it. And if she did I should have to agree to drop the investigation. As a matter of fact, Sperry, I had resorted to subterfuge in order to remain out last evening, and I am bitterly regretting my mendacity."

But Sperry has, I am afraid, rather loose ideas.

"Every man," he said, "would rather tell the truth, but every woman makes it necessary to lie to her. Forget the fire-tongs, Horace, and forget Mrs. Johnson to-night. He may not

have dared to go back in daylight for his overcoat."

"Very fell," I agreed. But it was not very well, and I knew it. I felt that, in a way my whole domestic happiness was at stake. My wife is a difficult person to argue with.

She is just as tenacious of an opinion once formed as are all very amiable people. However, unfortunately for our investigation, but luckily for me, under the circumstances, Sperry was called to another city that afternoon and did not return for two days.

It was, it will be recalled, on the Thursday night following the second sitting that I had gone alone to the Wells house, and my interview with Sperry was on Friday. It was on Friday afternoon that I received a telephone message from Mrs. Dane, asking me to take tea with her.

"At what time?" I asked her secretary.

"At four o'clock."

I hesitated. I felt that my wife was waiting at home for further explanation of the coal-tongs, and that the sooner we had it out the better. But, on the other hand, Mrs. Dane's invitations, by reason of her infirmity, took on something of the nature of commands.

"Please, say that I will be there at four," I replied.

I bought a new hat that afternoon, and told the clerk to destroy the old one. Then I went to Mrs. Dane's.

She was in the drawing-room, plainly excited. Never have I known a woman who, confined to a wheelchair, lived so hard. She did not allow life to pass her windows, if I may put it that way. She called it in, and set it moving about her chair, herself the nucleus around which were enacted all sorts of small neighborhood dramas and romances. Her secretaries did not marry. She married them.

It is curious to look back and remember how Herbert and Sperry and myself had ignored this quality in her, in the Wells case. She was not to be ignored, as I discovered that afternoon.

"Sit down," she said. "You look half sick, Horace."

Nothing escapes her eyes, so I was careful to place myself with the lump on my head turned away from her. But I fancy she saw it, for her eyes twinkled.

"Horace, Horace!" she said. "How I have detested you all week!"

"I? You detested me?"

"Loathed you," she said with unctious. "You are cruel and ungrateful. Herbert has influenza, and does not count. And Sperry is in love—oh yes, I know it. I know a great many things. But you!"

I could only stare at her.

"The strange thing is," she went on, "that I have known you for years, and never suspected your sense of humor. You'll forgive me, I know, if I tell you that your lack of humor was to my mind the only flaw in an otherwise perfect character."

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Cheerfulness, in these days, is a rising asset. We find that the public is setting a continually higher value upon the capacity to do hard work, to face difficulties with a smile of enjoyment and comradeship.

The program to be put on by the Woman's Missionary society at the Methodist church Sunday evening, beginning at 7 o'clock, follows:
Leader—Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson.
Opening meditation—Mrs. Juanita Dowell.
Song, "In the Garden."
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Win First Game

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yards from scrimmage, while the Pipers were making 58. Merkel made 14 first downs to the enemy's 10.
Derrick, Boaz and Cade were especially brilliant in the local's backfield, while Shelburn and C. Johnson aided the visitors' cause most ably on offense. Toombs, Collins, and Ferrier were Merkel's defensive stars. The Pipers were thrown for a total loss of 30 yards by the referee, while the locals lost only 25. Wilson, Merkel quarter, kicked only one time, the ball going out after traveling 25 yards; Hamlin averaged only 15 yards on four attempts.

The line-ups starting the game:
Merkel (13) Pos. Hamlin (6)
Williams LE Ferguson
Collins LT Roundtree
Shouse LG J. Johnson
Middleton C Hall
Ferrier RG Bryson
Toombs RT Ellison
Gamble RE Benson
Wilson QB Shelburn
Cade LH C. Johnson
Derrick RH Owens
Boaz FB Manning
Substitutions: Merkel, Harris for Shouse; Hamlin, S. Johnson for Owens, Williams for Ferguson; Sipe for Bryson, Owens for Manning; Referee, Pittman (Simmons); umpire, Riddle (Simmons); head linesman, Duke, (Howard Payne).

The score by quarters:
Merkel 0 7 6 0—13
Hamlin 0 0 0 6—6

Barton-Buchanan.

Miss Velma Buchanan and A. A. Barton of Bradshaw were united in marriage at the home of Rev. W. G. Cypert on Saturday evening, with Mr. Cypert officiating. Mr. Barton is a farmer of the Bradshaw community and the young couple have a host of friends who extend best wishes for a happy and prosperous married life.

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.

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CHURCHES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
Attendance at the four reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday was 715. This compares with 680 on the previous Sunday and with 738 on the same Sunday a year ago.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

The Presbyterian church will be the meeting place for the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer Service next Sunday afternoon, with Grover Bishop as the leader. The lesson will be the fourth chapter of Ephesians. All the men in Merkel and the surrounding communities are invited to attend these services.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

A word of praise is due the board of stewards and our church membership in general for their loyalty and enthusiastic labors during the trying times of such a year as this. The church year has been a success in every way.

Rev. Rex Kendall, our assistant pastor, will preach next Sunday morning in the absence of the pastor.

At the evening hour the W. M. S. will have charge of the service.

WEEK OF PRAYER PROGRAM.

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JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Song.
Prayer.
Scripture—by leader, Ben Robert Hicks.
Story—Mollie Frank Touchstone.
Story—Stanley Toombs.
Benediction.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The pastor left for Waco Tuesday to attend sessions of the State Baptist convention, but will return in time to preach next Sunday. All the regular services at the usual hours.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: "The Holy Spirit in Soul Winning."
Introduction—Azlene Sumpter.
"The Holy Spirit and Fruit Bearing," Ted McGehee.
Pentecost, D. J. Neill.
"The Early Church," Woodrow Wozencraft.
"Phillip the Evangelist," Clara Pilcher.
"Paul the Missionary," Comer Hayes.
"The Secret of Power," Mr. Gibson.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Visitors are always welcome to worship with us.

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

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Subject: "What is the purpose of Life?"
Scripture reading—Phillippians 3:12-16.
"The Purpose of Serving the Lowly," Imogene Middleton.
"Following His Purpose is Glory," Marshall Stalls.
"A Positive Faith," Julia Proctor.
"I Don't Want to be Independent," Monroe Wozencraft.
"Bending All to One End," Mildred Richardson.
"Aggressive for the Future," Oscar Adecock.

We want every member to be present, for we are to elect officers Sunday. Visitors cordially welcomed and new members are still accepted. Let's be there on time and start promptly at 5 o'clock. If you have not been attending these meetings, you don't know what you are missing.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 9:45 a. m. Please note the change of time. Preaching and worship 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Training classes each Sunday at 6:15 p. m. Ladies' Bible class Tuesday 2:45 p. m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."
L. E. Carpenter, Minister.

New Officers Named By Salt Branch Club

The Salt Branch Demonstration club met Friday, November 6, with 14 members present and 3 visitors, including T. N. Carswell, secretary of the Abilene chamber of commerce, who urged each person to be present at the mass meeting at the court house Monday, whether for or against keeping the demonstration agents.

Each member present told which demonstration had meant most to her this year. The various demonstrators gave their report for the past year: poultry report, Mrs. W. C. Lee; wardrobe report, Mrs. Pinckley for Ruth; garden report, Mrs. Petty; pantry report, Mrs. Hob Robertson.

The following new officers were elected for the following year: president, Mrs. W. C. Lee; vice-president, Mrs. W. M. Hayes; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. S. Pinckley; council member, Mrs. Jess Higgins; reporter, Marie Pinckley.

The following are the new demonstrators: poultry demonstrators, Mrs. W. C. Lee, Mrs. L. B. McLean; garden demonstrator, Mrs. Fred A. Baker; pantry demonstrator, Mrs. Jess Higgins; wardrobe demonstrator, Mrs. Neff.

All who are interested in the meat canning are invited to be at Jess Higgins, Friday, November 20, at 8:30 a. m., when 2 calves and 4 hogs are to be put up. The men are invited to come the afternoon before and see Mr. Heald kill the bees. Those planning to stay all day, please bring a dish or two for dinner.
—Edith L. Baker, Retiring Reporter.

T. & P. Cities are to be Featured in Program

J. C. Childress, local agent for the Texas & Pacific railway, has been advised by W. K. Henderson, president of the Hello World Broadcasting corporation, Shreveport, La., that a program on the KCS would be broadcast on the nights of November 16 and 17 from 9 to 9:30, (CST), and on the night of November 23 from 9 to 9:30, (CST), the station will broadcast a program on the Santa Fe.

The broadcast on the T. & P. will follow these programs very closely, the broadcasting corporation advised Mr. Childress, the time to be announced later. This program on the T. & P. will give interesting information as to the cities along the line and Mr. Childress sent in the desired information about Merkel sometime ago.

Patterson Minors Are Awarded \$2,111

Holding that drainage from the Merkel sewer disposal plant resulted in damage to a 140-acre tract of land owned by the plaintiffs, a jury in 104th district court Tuesday awarded Jack and Rachel Patterson, minors, judgment of \$2,111 from the City of Merkel. The children sought \$9,800.

Testimony in the case was completed Monday afternoon and arguments were heard Tuesday morning, the jury receiving the case shortly before noon. The verdict was returned about 3:30 p. m.

Pastor in Attendance At Annual Conference

Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the Merkel Methodist church, left Wednesday for Vernon to attend the sessions of the Northwest Texas conference, at which appointments will be announced for the coming year.
Rev. Mr. Yeats has just completed his first year in Merkel and so general has his usefulness proved that the entire citizenship of Merkel as well as the church body itself is earnestly hoping for his return to this pastorate.

King Opens Parliament.

London, Nov. 12.—Amid the pomp and glitter of tradition, King George V. wearing the crown of empire and ermine robes over the scarlet uniform of a field marshal, Tuesday opened the new national parliament whose task is to rescue the nation from its financial and industrial crisis.



BRIDGE PARTY.

Miss Anna Lou Russell extended gracious hospitality to a number of friends on Thursday evening of last week. The house was decorated with a profusion of gorgeous autumn flowers, forming a lovely setting for tables appointed for games of bridge, which progressed happily as the diversion for the evening.

At the culmination of the games delicious individual Osgood pies, topped with whip cream, cheese and coffee were served to the following guests: Messrs. and Mesdames C. W. Delme, H. H. Jenkins, Edward McCrary, Milton Case, Kenneth Pee, Cecil Guthrie, Earl Teague, Cyrus Pee, W. L. Johnson, Jr., Misses Rose Laney, Julia Martin, Messrs. Floyd Davis and Howard Laney.

GLEANER CLASS.

Mrs R. A. Burgess was a most gracious hostess on Tuesday afternoon to members of the Gleaner Sunday School class, with Mesdames Vaughn and Delmer as co-hostesses.

An inspiring devotional was led by Mrs. L. D. Boyd, followed by the Lord's Prayer repeated by the entire class. Sue Sue Grimes entertained with readings and Misses Mollye Frank Touchstone and Marian Delmer sang in vocal duet. Miss Edith Baker gave vocal solos. Mrs. C. W. Delmer accompanied all singers at the piano.

Instead of serving refreshments the class donated money to the treasurer.

Members present were: Mesdames. W. M. Gambill, J. E. Richardson, Eli Case, L. D. Boyd, Duncan Briggs, Fred Latham, Herbert Patterson, Vickers, Frank Iddings, Will Toombs, W. S. J. Brown, Fred Guitar, Mack Buzbee, Ted Lassiter, Clyde Sears, Dee Grimes, and T. V. Touchstone and Miss Edith Baker as guest.

T. E. L. CLASS PARTY.

Members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class were entertained in the home of Mrs. L. B. Scott on Tuesday afternoon of last week with a most inspiring program on Thanksgiving.

An impromptu program was participated in by each member of the class and at tea time delicious pumpkin pie and coffee were served to Mesdames Booth, Swann, Reeves, Teague, Collins, Lassiter, Warren, Angus, Toombs, Lancaster, Renfro, Brown and the hostess.

CHOIR SOCIAL.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren was the scene of a gay party on Friday evening of last week in compliment to members of the Baptist church choir. The house was appropriately spooky in Halloween decorations and guests arrived mysteriously garbed in Halloween regalia to be directed through stunts, games and contests by ghosts and witches.

After the unmasking, games of "42" were played until the refreshment hour when a most delectable plate of Osgood pie, topped with whipped cream, with black coffee was served to approximately twenty-five to thirty guests.

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He was rushed to a doctor's office and given emergency treatment. He was later carried to his home and reports from the attending physician

Thursday morning were that he was resting well.

Shouse fell directly on the prongs of the pitchfork when he jumped from the truck, as his fellow-worker, not being aware of his movements, was lifting a fork load of cottonseed. It knocked his companion down and Shouse himself removed the prongs of the pitchfork from his ribs.

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PINEAPPLE, sliced or grated, No. 1 11c
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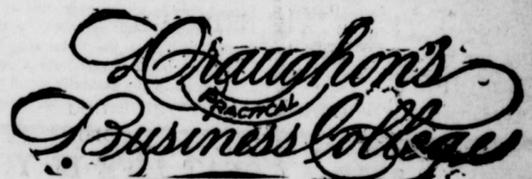
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### LODGE NOTICES

#### NOTICE O. E. S.

Regular meeting of Eastern Star Tuesday at 7:30. The Worthy Matron is to give a report of the grand chapter. All members are urged to be present.

Iris Garrett,  
Secretary Pro. Tem.

## Personal Mention

J. S. Hutson and Miss Mary Keny are visiting in Fort Worth and Midlothian this week.

Mrs. Florence Berry has accepted a position under County Tax Collector Earl Hughes in Abilene.

Mrs. Bill Fugat and Mrs. C. R. Tittle have returned from a trip to Austin to see Mrs. Tittle's son.

Miss Selma Lee Russell left Monday for Big Spring where she will visit her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Shive.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Rea have returned to their home in Midland after a visit with the latter's mother, Mrs. N. E. Sandlin.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell and family and Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Redwine of Abilene were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunn.

Since the first of the month Ed Lancaster has returned to Merkel and is again connected with the local yard of the Clay Lumber company.

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. King, accompanied by Miss Mary King and Carroll and Miss Fannie Belle Boaz, visited several days in Del Rio last week.

Misses Sally Orr and Maurine Tipton accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Grady Cole of Colorado for a trip to Carlsbad Cavern the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beem of Abilene were callers at Miss Garoutte's home Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris of Corona, Calif., also visited there on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Warren of Deport are visiting in the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. R. Walker, having come for the latter's operation at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium Monday.

Ralph Vaughan, 1st lieutenant in the U. S. A. air service, Eddie Pyeatt and Jimmie Deming of Payson, Ariz., were guests this week of Mrs. S. G. Vaughan and Miss Dota Garoutte at "Nuah Atod."

Among those from the Union Ridge community visiting in Abilene Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Douglas and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas and son, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and daughter and Mrs. M. A. Douglas.

### Listed on Honor Roll at Tarleton

Stephenville, Nov. 12.—Ethel Hamilton of Merkel is one of the twenty-nine students in John Tarleton Agricultural college on the honor roll for first preliminary report representing six weeks' work at the college.

Eleanor Mae Hamilton of Merkel has recently been honored by election to the office of treasurer of the West Texas club.

Getting Along Just Fine. Mrs. J. R. Walker was carried to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium on Friday of last week and submitted Monday to a major operation. She is reported as getting along just fine, a fact her many friends will be glad to learn.

Record of Births. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams, Saturday, November 7, 1931. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stevens, Trent, Monday, November 9, 1931.

## Three Scouts to Be Selected for Free Trip to Alaska, 1932

A wonderful opportunity awaits a Scout of the Chisholm Trail council as the council has been requested to recommend an outstanding Scout to compete with other Scouts for a trip during the summer of 1932 to Alaska. Only three Scouts from all registered Scouts in America will be selected. The plan has the recommendation of the United States department of the interior.

A Chisholm Trail Council Scout is to be recommended for the 1932 trip to Alaska. Scouts will be chosen from among all Scouts in America to go on an exciting trip to northwestern stretches of America to follow the path of the Alaskan gold hunt. Scouts will be chosen because of their high standing as to Scout character and service and for their skill in wood-carving. The object is to stimulate the interest of Scouts in Indian lore, in the early history of the Indians, especially as it relates to the tribes of Alaska. The awards will include:

First, a trip from the home city of the Scout to interior of Alaska and return.

Second, a cruise by steamship from Seattle to Seward, Alaska, and return.

Third, a cruise by steamship from Seattle to Skagway and return. Expenses will be paid by the Alaska railroad and associates.

The basic plan for awards follows: 1. Each council is to develop several candidates from whom a final selection is made.

2. All First Class Scouts in good standing not over 18 years of age on Feb. 15, 1932, are eligible.

3. Evidence must be submitted showing that the Scout has: First, actually put into practice in his daily life the ideals and principles of the Scout oath and law, the motto, "Be Prepared," and the "Daily Good Turn."

4. To submit an article on handicraft consisting of a model Totem Pole carved from wood 4" square and 30" long.

5. Applicant to submit with his Totem Pole a brief description written by himself of the story or motive underlying the handicraft.

The three prize winning Totem Poles will become the property of the United States department of the interior.

## Giant Seaplane to Carry 120 Persons

London, Nov. 12.—Plans for the world's largest flying boat, nearly twice the size of the German DO-X, are being drawn up by the British air ministry with the intention of establishing a transatlantic passenger service to Canada.

The machine will carry 120 persons on a flying range of 2500 miles and at a speed of 125 miles an hour. It would weigh about 60 tons with a fuel load. It would be equipped with motors generating at least 60,000 horsepower.

## Big Sale Continues at Brown's Bargain Store Until Thanksgiving.

A magnetic "nail picker" removed 14 tons of metal from West Texas highways in traversing 593 miles.

## Truck Law Sustained; Injunctions Dissolved

Waco, Nov. 12.—Enforcement of house bill No. 355, requiring truck operators to hold permits from the state railroad commission, was upheld in the tenth court of civil appeals at Waco Saturday, in an opinion handed down by unanimous vote.

The decision dissolved injunctions issued by Judge H. F. Kirby in district court at Groesbeck, which restrained peace officers from arresting violators of the law. At the same time, it upheld an injunction issued by Judge W. C. Davis in district court at Bryan restraining truck owners from violating provisions of the law.

Justice George Barcus wrote a digest of opinions on the decision, saying in part, "the court of civil appeals held that since the legislature has specifically required truck owners to obtain permits from the state railroad commission before using the highways for said purpose, and making it a crime to operate their trucks without said permits, that no judge or court could by injunction or otherwise restrain peace officers of the state from enforcing the penal provisions of said statute."

"The court held that to do so would be a suspension of the statute law by the courts, contrary to the plain provisions of the state constitution."

## Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 12.—Cattle receipts Wednesday were very small, only 800 head arriving, and the calf supply, estimated at 1,400 head, was moderate. All classes sold at steady prices and everything with the exception of beef steers met with a moderately satisfactory demand.

Steers moved around \$3.30 to \$4.50, mostly. A few fat cows brought \$3.50. Good yearlings reached \$7.00 in package lots and \$6.85 in carloads. Good bulls made \$2.00 to \$2.25. A car of heavy fat calves sold at \$5.00, stocker steer calves notched \$6.25 and stocker heifer calves were taken up to \$5.50.

Hogs gained about 10c, the best moving at \$5.55 to \$5.65. Receipts amounted to 1,000 head, the entire carlot supply being packer-billed consignments.

The sheep and lamb trade was steady with 3,000 head received, some of which were on through billing. Lambs went at \$5.00 to \$5.25 and good yearlings reached \$4.25.

## Cotton Receipts.

Total receipts for Merkel for the season had passed the 8,000 mark Thursday morning, with a record of 8,088 bales, including receipts at the local cotton yard here and shipments by rail from Merkel. Up to that time 5,500 bales had been shipped by the T. & P. railroad and 760 bales had been shipped from the cotton yard by truck and carried home, leaving 1,828 bales still on hand in the yard.

## Chef Collects Cook Books.

Chicago.—America's finest collection of books on food and its preparation has been gathered by Joseph Velling, a chef. His collection is valued at \$25,000 and includes a volume printed in 1450.

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## Last Cotton Estimate Reveals Another Hike; Gain of 619,000 Bales

Washington, Nov. 12.—The crop indicator gauging the southland's 1931 cotton production Monday swung violently upward again. A government forecast added 619,000 bales to the prospective harvest—the second largest in history.

With huge surplus supplies already clogging market channels, the agriculture department estimated this year's crop would total 16,903,000 bales, not far below the record 1926 harvest of 17,977,000 bales.

The increase since the October report was attributed to ideal weather enabling farmers to pick their plants clean. Field loss last month actually was less than average.

Publication of the estimate was followed by a drop of six points in quotations on the New Orleans exchange which was recovered, however, in a later rally. Dispatches told of a general opinion that a big demand for spot cotton would offset the indicated increase in the harvest.

The November estimate is larger than the October forecast for every state except Arizona. The indicated yield is 197.8 pounds per acre. Excellent growing conditions throughout the season—topped now by the best harvest weather in years—are responsible for the 1931 bumper crop, although acreage was cut by 10 per cent and almost 50 per cent less fertilizer was used.

On August 8, the department's first estimate placed the final outturn at 15,584,000 bales which sent prices

skidding to low levels. Good weather in September boosted the estimate to 15,685,000 and again last month to 16,284,000.

The ginnings of the new crop to November 1 total 12,129,546 bales.

## Panhandle Wheat Yield Over 60,000,000 Bushels

Amarillo, Nov. 12.—Figures released by the railroads indicate that the 1931 Panhandle wheat crop exceeded 60,000,000 bushels.

The three railway lines, the Santa Fe, Fort Worth and Denver and Rock Island have handled 40,382 carloads of wheat, from Texas points in the territory north of Lubbock. Figured on an average of 1,500 bushels to the car, more than 57,000,000 bushels already have been shipped. Grain men estimate that 5,000,000 bushels or more is still stored on the farms and in elevators.

It is known that some of the border towns handled wheat brought from New Mexico and the Oklahoma Panhandle, but a maximum allowance for that brought across the line would still leave more than 60,000,000 bushels for the Texas Panhandle, north of Lubbock.

It was by far the largest wheat crop ever harvested in this territory. The yield of 1930 was doubled, and the former record crop of 1929 was exceeded by 18,000,000 bushels.

The acreage was estimated at 2,750,000.

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## U. S. Senator Caraway Dies at Little Rock

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 12.—United States Senator T. H. Caraway died unexpectedly Friday night at a hospital where eight days before he underwent an operation for the removal of a kidney stone.

Since the operation he had shown continuous improvement and until a few minutes before he died he was laughing and talking with his wife and his nurse.

A few minutes before 8 o'clock, he complained of pains, but laughed and said he was determined to "get up within a week." Shortly after Mrs. Caraway left the room the senator passed away.

His physician, Dr. J. R. Dibrell, said death was caused by coronary occlusion.

### BURIED AT JONESBORO.

With a simplicity of ceremony characteristic of the man himself, the body of United States Senator Thaddeus H. Caraway was laid to rest Monday in a little cemetery near Jonesboro.

A brief funeral service at the First Methodist church was held and then the cortege, headed by a company of national guardsmen, moved to the cemetery, where the coffin was lowered into the grave as the troops stood at attention.

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# Rural Community Correspondence

## TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. V. Vessels and little son were week-end guests of relatives at Slaton.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Forrester returned last week from Farwell where they had been called on account of the illness of the latter's mother, Mrs. C. M. Kelley.

Misses Mattie, Cora and Lena Scott, Fannie Aldridge and Beatrice Burleson of Abilene were week-end guests of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Ed Sherman went to Fort Worth Sunday where she plans to remain for sometime, as she has secured work there.

Mrs. B. C. Moore and children, accompanied by Mrs. Moore's sister, Mrs. Holbrook of Florence, Colo., were guests Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Bright.

C. T. Beckham is at Waco this week attending the State Baptist convention.

Mrs. A. E. Steadman of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jenkins of Merkel attended church at the Church of Christ here Sunday and were guests in the W. F. Steadman home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stevens are announcing the birth of a baby girl, named Frances Louise, born on the 11th.

Mesdames Reuben Reeves, Jack Freeman, McDonald, Wash, Tom Williamson, John Strawn and John Crane and Misses Dollie Wash and Opal Freeman were the representatives from here Monday in presenting the petitions to the county commissioners for retaining the county agents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith and Leonard Quattlebaum, Mrs. H. Ogilvie and son, Smithy, and little Master Bobby Banner spent the week-end visiting in the homes of Frank and Ellis Smith at Lubbock.

Mrs. J. R. Gafford went to Vernon Wednesday to attend the M. E. conference and also visit with her daughter, Mesdames Keltz and Hardison.

### SPENCE-BRIGHT.

On last Thursday Miss Beulah Bright and M. L. Spence were married at the Methodist parsonage, with Rev. U. S. Sherrill officiating. Mrs. Spence is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bright and has grown up in our midst. M. L. is a splendid young man, both being very popular among the younger set. They have a host of friends, who wish them much happiness.

### OLD TIME SHIVER.

The Young Peoples Sunday School class and the Junior Epworth league entertained about twenty members at the M. E. church last Friday evening with a social. Refreshments were served from a large pot of chili made outside over the open fire. Afterwards, they went to the home of Mr. Spence where an old time shiver was given the new married couple.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST.

L. E. Carpenter, Minister. Bible study 10 a. m. Worship 11 a. m. Preaching each second and fourth Sunday. Prayer meeting Tuesday 7:30 p. m. Come and study the book of Genesis with us in this service. Ladies' Bible class each Thursday 3 p. m. A hearty welcome to all.

## High School News.

### HISTORY CLASS.

The History class held its regular meeting on November 9. An interesting program of talks, jokes, current events and a talk by Miss Burgess was rendered. We are trying to make our club more successful each meeting.

### HOME EC. CLUB.

Our club met again Wednesday, November 4. We had an interesting program. Our charming hostess, Hel-

en Hogue, had the program and refreshments well arranged. A pink and green color scheme was carried out in the favors, table appointments, decorations and refreshments.

### SPORTS.

The volley ball team met Wednesday and elected as their captain, Sallie Freeman.

The basketball girls elected Erma Fay Boyd as their captain for the coming season.

### MR. AND MRS. FRANKS COMPLIMENTED.

The faculty, composed of Ray Elliott, Mrs. O. L. Reeves, Misses Virginia Strawn, Marie Shepard and Nona Burgess and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reynolds, were entertained Friday evening in the home of Supt. and Mrs. Ross B. Jenkins, who complimented the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Garland P. Franks. Mr. Franks is Grammar School principal.

Bride and "42" were played and refreshments served.

In addition to the faculty were Mr. and Mrs. Rado Archer.

After refreshments were served, Mr. Jenkins in behalf of the faculty presented an electric clock to the bride, Mrs. Franks.

### JUNIORS ENTERTAIN IN CHAPEL.

The Juniors entertained in chapel last week with an "American Tragedy."

The characters were: Pa—Fredy Allyn.

Ma—Erma Faye Bird.

Ruth, big sister—Sallie Freeman.

Betty, younger sister—Sara Julia Johnson.

Tom—Johnie Terry.

Harry Brown—Charlie Howell.

The neighbor—Louise Owens.

Several visitors attended the play and all enjoyed it.

## WARREN NEWS

Most of the farmers will finish pulling their cotton this week.

Miss Clara Marshall spent Saturday night with Miss Alta Thorne of Merkel.

J. F. Dunnam and son made a business trip to Knox City.

Everyone reported a nice time Saturday night at Mrs. Stella Brown's where they were entertained with a party.

Vernon Ely of Noodle spent the week with his sister, Mrs. Bill Brown. Mesdames Brooks Patterson, Fletcher Mashburn and Fred Baker of Merkel spent Wednesday afternoon with Grandma Baker.

Messrs. J. B. Foster and Ira Marshall are leaving for Rochester Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wittman and daughter, Marie, spent the day in Abilene Saturday.

Those attending the party at Frank Carr's Friday night were Misses Clara and Edna Marshall, Lena Chancey, Lottie McCoy and Ruth Dunnam and Messrs. J. B. Foster, T. B. Hobbs, Buster McCoy, Gaston Hobbs, Woodrow Brewer and Ira Marshall.

Grandma Patterson spent the afternoon with her daughter, Mrs. B. E. McCoy, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dunnam and daughters, Lucille and Faye, of Abilene visited J. F. Dunnam Friday afternoon.

Pete Clark of Anson spent the night with Ray Clark recently.

Miss Naomi Grayson of Merkel spent Saturday night with Miss Edna Mae Marshall.

Mrs. E. L. Newman spent the afternoon Saturday with her mother, Mrs. J. A. Patterson.

Miss Ruth Dunnam is entertaining the young folks Saturday night with a party.

Miss Lena Mae Hokit of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs Sunday.

## NOODLE NEWS

Everything is progressing nicely this week.

A cordial welcome is being extended Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell and children, who visiting Mrs. Bicknell's sister, Mrs. Waldo Cox. They have been gone almost a year.

Mr. Herring and son, Russell, have put in a Red and White Store where Mr. and Mrs. Howard did have a store. We are certainly glad to see it and want everybody to give them better trade and make it a big success.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Caldwell and children visited their daughter, Mrs. Ray Cox, Sunday.

Little Ray Tarpley broke a record a few weeks ago. He is 10 years old, weighs 63 pounds and pulled 422 pounds of cotton and emptied it himself. His father, who has been sick, is well now and able to pick cotton.

The three churches had a large attendance at Sunday School last Sunday. Grandmother Nixon has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Womack.

Mrs. T. E. Goode had a very sad message from Brownwood advising her that one of her nephews was to have his eyeball removed Saturday. She left for Brownwood Friday.

Little Jimmie Cooper, who came from Chicago, Ill., to make his home with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper, thinks Texas a grand place to live.

Cotton will soon be out and school in progress. So singing will start again Friday night.

Maria Patton went to visit with her sister, Mrs. Gurnie Richards, in Sweetwater. Mary Joe came back and will visit in Noodle a while.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Howard have moved to their own home here in Noodle.

There has been lots of preparations for winter; a few people have been busy quilting quilts.

Big Sale Continues at Brown's Bargain Store Until Thanksgiving.

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## SOUTHLAND GREYHOUND

## White Church News

White cotton fields are almost a thing of the past in our community now.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lindsey, Lloyd Riggan and Arlon Farmer left the past week for the Plains to pick cotton.

Mrs. A. D. Barnes and son, Doyal, accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Patterson, to Winters last Thursday to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fulton.

Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Williams of Abilene visited our Sunday School before going to Nubia to fill the pulpit there.

Little Gene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Snow, has been real sick.

Our school is to begin Monday, Nov. 16.

E. J. Patterson left for Lubbock Tuesday looking for work.

Mrs. Bernie Bell and daughters of Merkel visited her sister, Mrs. W. C. Hunter, Saturday.

Mrs. C. C. Barnes and daughter, Nan, of Abilene and Mrs. A. H. Barnes and Mrs. G. T. Martin of Route 3 visited in the A. D. Barnes home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Tye of Merkel visited in our midst over the week-end. Friends will be glad to hear Mrs. W. H. Brown is improving after be-

ing under treatment of a doctor for sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hunter are moving to the Nubia community this week. We regret very much to lose these good people from our midst.

Elba, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Frazier, is sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coates entertained with a party Saturday night. Everyone reported a real nice time.

In the absence of our pastor, Rev. Williams, who will be at conference next Sunday, Clyde Latimer of Nubia has promised to make us a talk. Everyone is urged to come and hear him. We are sure he will make a good talk. W. A. Harrison will have charge of the prayer meeting Sunday night.

### 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.

Vending machines in Vienna, Austria, sold 16,000,000 cigarettes in the last year.

## Many Signs of Business Picking Up Over Nation

El Paso, Nov. 12.—Members of the American Publishers association, en route to their annual convention in Los Angeles, said here Monday distinct signs of business recovery were noticeable throughout the country.

"Business is picking up all over the country," said L. E. Palmer, New York, general manager of the association. "In the east, particularly, there seems to be more confidence than there has been."

John Stewart Bryan, publisher of the Richmond, Va., News-Leader reported a decided uplift in agriculture and business conditions in the old south.

"A better feeling in our section is reflected in increasing retail business," E. H. Harris, publisher of the Richmond, Ind., Palladium-Item, said. "I believe the depression has struck rock bottom."

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Turkey has exempted from land tax newly planted vineyards, rose gardens and orchards.

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## PHONE 61

# THE MERKEL MAIL

## DOROTHY DARNIT

By Charles McManus



# THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior Class of '32—Mrs. R. B. Irvin, sponsor.

## The Staff:

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

### SOPHOMORE CLASS.

We are here in our dear ole High—and how! Our lessons may be hard, but we can learn them because we have vim, vigor and vitality. We are all striving to make our High school the best, but just watch the Sophomores come out on top!

### FOOTBALL NEWS.

Who said we could not beat "nobody"? Well, you are mistaken, because we did win a game. Believe it or not! The Pied Pipers of Hamlin, Texas, journeyed to Merkel in order to take a conference victory home with them, but they took a terrific beating instead.

The Badgers played a remarkable game, using straight football and a flood of passes, Wilson, Derrick, Boaz, Cade and Williams started offensively for the locals; while Collins, D. Toombs, Boaz, Cade and Wilson started defensively.

We will have another game here Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Badgers will meet the Putnam team on the local field. Everyone must come and watch the Putnam team go home with the same present the Hamlin Pied Pipers went home with.

1-2-3-4-5-6-7. Hot dog! Hot dog! Watch our eleven!"

### PEP SQUAD NEWS.

Did the Pep Squad shine at the Hamlin-Merkel game? It shone almost as brightly as the football team itself. The Pep Squad was very proud of the football boys last Friday, and for that reason the girls tried to "show their stuff" at the half. One of their cleverest stunts was presented Friday.

Another stunt is being worked on for the Putnam-Merkel game here Friday. Every citizen of Merkel has a special invitation to be present; you won't be disappointed. You will not only be interested in the football game, but also in the Pep Squad who is trying to do its best. Be there! Don't miss it!

### JUNIOR NEWS.

The Junior class certainly missed Mr. Carrol King while he was away visiting in Del Rio. He was gone about four days, but he is back with us for a while.

### THE SENIORS.

The Seniors are very proud of the football team since they won that game Friday with Hamlin. The Seniors feel that they have a special interest in the football team, as there are eight boys from the Senior class coming out, and six of these are on first string. We are proud of Davis Williams, a Senior, who made a touch-down Friday. We are proud of all the other boys, too. Most of the girls and some of the boys in the Senior class are in the Pep Squad. These two facts, together with the class spirit we have, make the Seniors the peppiest class in school.

### SURPRISING NEWS.

The Merkel Badgers beat the Pipers of Hamlin by a score of 13 to 6. Mr. Riddle wishes that the mem-

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bers of the physics class would finish eating their breakfast before they come to school. He can't teach physics with every one eating peanuts.

Ross Ferrier says the most important men of today are Herbert Hoover, Will Rogers and Ross Ferrier.

The Merkel Badgers are playing Putnam Friday. Watch for our victory.

Sis Boaz said that she wanted to weigh two hundred pounds. We wonder why?

We have heard that Harry Boaz likes to ride in Fords.

Margaret Canon, we have heard, is learning a lot about typing.

Merkel schools received a most unexpected and welcomed holiday Nov. 11, Armistice Day.

### FRESHMAN NEWS.

The fifty Freshmen are still to be seen in Merkel High school. They are still doing very nicely; however, Miss Martin is not so satisfied with them as she would have been had they made better averages last six weeks. Miss Martin, along with the rest of Merkel High school, expects to see the "Fish" make better averages next six weeks. They can do it if they will, and we are sure they will.

### SAY DID YOU KNOW—

—Paul Collins is clever?

—If Ross Ferrier were urged very strongly he would argue with anyone?

—Business arithmetic is good training for one's mind as well as one's imagination?

—For some reason "white wash" does not stay on the M. H. S. steps as long as it does on some other things?

—"Neta" likes candy?

—Mr. Riddle likes to give tests?

—Someone gave Mr. Burgess some chicken feed the other night?

—H. C. Toombs is dumb?

—"W. C." is the abbreviation used for "Westmount Church?"

—A great many people go to school to have a good time?

—Few people have a good time in school?

—Marie Stanford knows who discovered America?

—Terrel Mashburn has curly hair?

—Van Roberts can sing?

—"Sis" turned down a date for Halloween night?

—The Seniors of "32" are not dignified?

—The Dramatic club has its sec-

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and meeting Friday night, Nov. 13? —The Merkel "Badgers" beat Hamlin Friday?

### JOKES.

Mr. Burgess (In B. A. class): "You're the slowest youngster that we've ever had here. Aren't you quick in anything?"

W. M. Taylor: "Well, I get tired quicker'n anybody else."

Mr. Riddle: "Does the moon affect the tide?"

"Sis" Boaz: "No sir, only the untied."

Bussie (to Stamford Pep Squad girl): "Haven't I seen you somewhere sometime?"

Pep Squad girl: "Quite likely, I've been there."

### M. H. S. CHORUS.

The M. H. S. Chorus met in its first club session on Monday, Nov. 9. After a short business meeting, the president, Margaret Canon, asked the program chairman, Willie Evelyn Boaz, to take charge.

The following interesting program was given:

"The place of Music in Life"—James West.

"A Summary of the Life and Works of Ducrak Anton"—Lowell Vickers.

"Goin' Home," by Ducrak—Mixed quartette, Ida Mae Derstine, Margaret Miller, Burneal Scott and Van Roberts.

"Sacred Music"—Ruth Calloway.

"Whispering Hope"—Girls quartette: Mildred Richardson, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Margaret Canon and Frances Adcock.

"A Summary of the Life and Works of Carrie Jacobs-Bond"—Julia Proctor.

"A Perfect Day"—Girls sextette, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Thelma

Leach, Nell Durham, Ola Smith, Duncan Briggs and Marie Stanford.

"The Modern Period of Music"—David Gamble.

The meeting adjourned to meet again on the first Tuesday in December.

### PEP RALLY.

The Pep Squad had charge of chapel Friday morning, Nov. 6. A short play, discussing the Merkel-Hamlin game, was given by Sis Boaz, Julia Proctor, Imogene Middleton, Marie Stanford, Paul Collins and Albert Cade. A football song composed by Imogene Middleton was sung by M. E. Grimes, Thelma Leach, Ida Derstine, Mildred Richardson, Frances Adcock and Mary Olive Simpson. The entire Pep Squad then marched into the auditorium; they sang two songs and gave some yells.

Short talks were given by Coach Irvin, Paul Collins and Mr. Burgess. J. D. Ashby and Pat Patterson, ex-football stars of Merkel High school, also gave short talks.

The High School is certainly behind the Badgers. It is backing the Badgers at all times, whether winning or losing.

**Big Sale Continues at Brown's Bargain Store Until Thanksgiving.**

### 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.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

## 'Thousands Pay Last Tribute to Wurzbach

San Antonio, Nov. 12.—Thousands of friends who have repeatedly sent Harry M. Wurzbach, a republican, to congress from a pronounced democratic district, paid final tribute as he was buried here Sunday.

An estimated crowd of 15,000 passed the representative's bier during the three and one half hours the body lay in state at the municipal auditorium. Approximately 20,000 stood with bared heads as the casket was lowered into the grave at the national cemetery in the afternoon. Full military honors marked the rites. Wurzbach was a veteran of the Spanish-American war.

Senator Tom Connally of Texas, representing the senate, spoke briefly, paying tribute to Wurzbach.

Wurzbach, who was 57, died Friday following complications arising from an appendicitis operation.

Governor Ross S. Sterling has issued no call for a special election to select a successor to Wurzbach. It was generally conceded the district would elect a democrat as Wurzbach

owed his political victories in successive elections to personal popularity rather than a party machine.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

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

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 New Low Prices  
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**Making Up Your List**

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Household furnishings, automobiles, radios and similar things are in the nature of investments, whether for months, for years, for life. You buy these things at long intervals.

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**The Merkel Mail**  
 "The Home Town Newspaper"  
**Phone 61**

**Extension of Power Service in Several Cities by Utilities**

Ablene, Nov. 12.—Including the extension of dependable electric service to new residential and commercial customers and the construction of new facilities to improve service now being rendered, the current construction report of the West Texas Utilities company indicates a period of considerable activity for construction and maintenance crews, according to information received from the company's offices here.

The most important activity scheduled for immediate completion involves the construction of a transformer rack and the building of a four-wire primary line to serve the Hall Brothers Grain company at San Angelo. The additions have been made necessary by the expansion of the company, which has installed new electric motors.

Another new power customer will be connected to the lines of the company at Vernon, where the third phase of an existing 2,300 volt primary single-phase line will be strung to serve a new feed grinding mill and irrigation project.

At McCamey, a 110 volt rural extension will be built to serve new customers; a secondary line, carrying service to new customers, will be extended at Lockett; at Imperial, a three-wire, single-phase 220 volt secondary line will be built into the Imperial oil field to serve new customers, and at Robert Lee, a new secondary line will serve additional customers.

Existing equipment at Anson will be improved through the building of a new 2,300 volt single-phase primary line and the stringing of several hundred feet of new 110-220 volt secondary line. Service to Anson customers will be improved through this new work.

Construction and maintenance

**TWENTY-MILLIONTH FORD COMING HERE**



Henry Ford and Edsel Ford with the First Ford car and the Twenty Millionth Ford. This picture was taken on Henry Ford's estate in Dearborn, Mich., a short time after the Twenty Millionth car came off the assembly line at the Rouge plant of the Ford Motor Company.

The twenty-millionth Ford car, symbolic of one man's contribution to world history and the development of American industry, will visit Merkel, en route from Detroit on a trans-continental tour.

Assembled in the presence of Henry and Edsel Ford, the twenty-millionth Ford left the Ford Motor company's Rouge plant in Dearborn, Mich., on April 14.

Following the brief ceremonies at the final assembly line, and with Henry Ford at the wheel, the car was driven to Mr. Ford's home several miles away where its meeting with the first Ford produced in 1893, was recorded for future generations in motion pictures.

Now expected to arrive in Merkel at about 10:25 o'clock November 19, the twenty-millionth Ford will be met

crews of the West Texas Utilities company will be used on the new construction, according to the company's report.

be placed on exhibition for 15 minutes before resuming its tour.

Its tour of the country completed, the twenty-millionth Ford will be returned to Greenfield Village for preservation near the first Ford—the "Gasoline Buggy" in which Henry Ford astounded his neighbors and demoralized horse traffic when he chugged noisily through Detroit's cobbled streets, at the dizzy speed of nearly 20 miles an hour.

The first Ford—built in 1893 and one of the first three automobiles the world had ever seen—odd, indeed, by comparison with its 1931 descendant, was mounted on bicycle wheels and its wheezing little two cylinder boasted four horsepower. Its gasoline tank held all of three gallons and its uncomfortable seat accommodated three people. In order to drive it, Mr. Ford was given a verbal permit by the mayor, thus becoming, it would seem, the world's first licensed chauffeur.

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**\$1500.00**

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THE DALLAS NEWS

**"Know Texas" Contest**  
EDUCATIONAL and INTERESTING

One hundred and five cash prizes will be awarded successful contestants answering the questions in the "Question Box." Contest will close on Dec. 10, 1931. Contestants may consult almanacs, maps, textbooks, bankers, teachers or friends to obtain solutions.

Can You Answer These Questions?

QUESTION 1.	ANSWER
Name the present United States Senators from Texas.	_____
QUESTION 5.	ANSWER
In what year was the Battle of the Alamo fought?	_____

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**SPECIALS**  
FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 13 AND 14

**SPUDS** 10 lbs. ..... **15c**

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CABBAGE, pound ..... **2 1-2c**

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**CUT OUT THIS COUPON**

Good for 10c on Purchase of 1 pound can of **RED & WHITE BAKING POWDER**

OATS, R & W, 55 oz. pkg. .... **19c**

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BLACKBERRIES,; No. 10 can ..... **50c**

MILK, R & W, 6 small ..... **20c**, 3 tall ..... **20c**

**Compound 8 lb. Pail 71c**

SALAD WAFERS, toy free with each package, 1 pound package ..... **23c**

BEANS, pinto, 5 lbs. .... **19c**

SALT, R & W, 2 pkgs. .... **15c**

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JOWLS, dry salt, lb. .... **8 1-2c**

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