## MERKEL MOURNS **DEATH OF UNCLE BILL SHEPPARD**

Former Merchant and Pioneer Since 1890 Passes Away at Early Hour Monday; All Seven Children Present.

Afamily circle that embraced seven children, nineteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren was broken for scarcely a week.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning at the First Baptist church, wnich was filled with a large concourse of relatives and friends who had known this "man among men" for these many years and who gathered to pay their last tribute. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Ira L. Parrack of Chillicothe, former pastor here, who referred with touching pathos to the class of older men that met at Sunday School each week and that would now miss one of its most regular attendants as long as his health permitted. Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the Baptist church, and Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church, assisted in the funeral rites. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers were all grandsons: Sie and Bill Hamm, George and Weston West and Bill and Benny Sheppard.

Born in Marion county, Ga., April 4, 1850, S. W. (Uncle Bill) Sheppard small boy, he moved to Cass county, gressman Harry M. Wurzach, republi-Texas, and then to Bremond, Robert- can, from the San Antonio district. son county. At the latter place he was married Dec. 8, 1875, to Mary Judson Chambliss and they moved to Merkel

He engaged in the mercantile business here for some twenty-five years; blew up in the South Houston yards. affray. then farmed for a few years and, on When Dr. Homer Price Rainey was his retirement, moved back to Merkel |. ten years ago to make his home. He is survived by his wife and seven children, 19 grandchildren and 4. great-grandchildren, all of whom with the exception of a grandson, Sterling Sheppard, a student in the University of Missouri, were here when death came.

land. An only brother, Sim Sheppard, his seat, dead. of Waco, also came to be with him in his last hours.

upright business man, the industrious crease since May 15, according to (Continued on Page Four)

grinder, belonging to G. W. Gilliland this place.

and Sons of Abilene, passed through

our little city Wednesday en route

The XX Century club will meet

with Miss Lucy Bean at the Walker

cottage Saturday afternoon at 3:30

T. H. Largent is at home from the

Sa: Antonio Fair, where he and his

fother C. M. Largent, entered a num-

ber or blue ribbon cattle. Mr. C. M.

and Will Joe will attend the Cotton

Palace at Waco before coming nome.

Jim Guitar, B. D. Pressley and Dr.

Miss Dollie Teaff spent Sunday in

Abilene where she visited her sis-

W. V. Cranford were transacting

big business in Abilene Monday.

to Post City.

ter. Miss Ora.

sharp.

**MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO** 

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, November 24, 1911.)

yesterday.

at the Elite,

Martin, this week-end.

A steam plow, thresher and maize a call to the First Baptist church of

## KEEPING

Wallace Beery, Hollywood film star, was forced to land his plane in a cornfield north of Pampa by a severe wind storm Monday night.

Capt. J. H. Ballowe, 45, stationed at the central state prison farm near Richmond, was killed instantly when his auto struck a culvert on the San Antonio road and overturned.

With \$25,000 capital and \$2,500 surplus, the Citizens State bank, which when Uncle Bill Sheppard passed purchased the assets and liabilities away quietly at 5 o'clock Monday of the First State bank that closed morning of this week. He had been ill October 1, opened Monday at Cross Plains.

Following the plea of guilty by G. O. Toole to charges of attempting to extort \$30,000 from Isaac N. Cerf, BADGERS TO MEET Corsicana banker, a jury in district court sentenced him to seven years imprisonment.

Fritz G.Lanham, congressman from the 12th district, and Mrs. Charles Facing Putnam in Second Game W. Head, the former Miss Hazel Walker, were united in marriage at Fort Worth on Tuesday and left immediately for New York.

Abilene was selected as the 1932 meeting place of Baptist General convention of Texas and the dates were set for November 9, 10 and 11, at the closing session of the annual meeting of that body at Waco Friday.

and agent for an independent oil com- han county boys made 11 fumbles, pany, was burned to death when the gasoline tank he was driving overturned on a highway eight miles west of Mineral Wells and exploded.

Nov. 24 has been set by Governor

Two engine men, J. J. Weikerth, the engineer, and E. L. Gregory, the

Bucknell university, Lewisburg, Pa., last Friday, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rainey, of Eliasville, listened to the ceremonies over a 2000-mile telephone circuit.

While seated in the grandstand watching a football game between the Sons are W. J. and A. T. Sheppard, Sul Ross Teachers and the West Tex-Merkel, and J. D. and R. C. Sheppard as Teachers of Canyon, Dr.H. J. Cottle, of Dallas. Three daughters, all of Mer- head of the biology department at Sul kel, are Mrs. Frank Hamm, Mrs. Ross Teachers' college, was stricken Henry West and Mrs. Frank McFar- with apoplexy and slumped down in

Payrolls of 673 Texas firms on October 15 showed 79,215 workers em-Honor and nobility-ever synon- ployed, a gain of 2.1 per cent over ymous with the name Sheppard- the total at the corresponding time in marked his career through life; the the previous month and the first infarmer, the friendly and unselfish the bureau of business research at the University of Texas.

ren came in Wednesday to take

charge of the work at the Methodist

church where he was summoned as

Misses Eufie Cypert and Erma A!-

Harry Mercer returned from Dallas

Mrs. E. V. White of Abilene visit-

sobrook visited friends in Trent Sun-

## THE DOLLARS YOU SPEND WITH HOME FOLKS COLLECTOR OF YOUR COMMUNITY

## **BLACKWELL NEXT**

of Season, Merkel High Goes Down to Defeat Again.

(By J. T. Darsey, Jr.)

The husky Putnam Panthers made it two wins and no losses with the Merkel Badgers here Friday afternoon when they used fumbles to win a 13-6 L. R. Wood, filling station operator decision over the Badgers. The Callamost of them gaining yards, and in the last period, a touchdown. The game was fairly even up to that last touchdown, but the Badgers lost all the play netting 12 yards.

Putnam scored late in the first escaped death when a switch engine was the only good placement of the

> standing ground-gainers for the enemy, and they made most of the 90 yards the Panthers made on running plays while the locals were get-61 yards on running plays, however, while the Badgers were losing only 33. Coach Briggs Irvin uncovered a new running star for Merkel when he pulled Deverle Toombs from his regular sition at tackle to play halfback.

> Both teams resorted to the aerial attack early in the game, and the completions were about even, the enemy getting 156 yards by completing eight out of 21 passes. The Badkers were able to gain only 80 yards by completing five out of 20 tosses. The Irvinmen intercepted three of the enemy's heaves to advance 13 yards, and the Panthers stole four of the locals' passes to gain eight paces.

> Wilson averaged 35 yards for Merkel on eight boots; the Callahan county boys netted only half that amount on four punts. Putnam was superior in the matter of first downs, getting 11 while the Badgers were pressed to get nine. Two of the Merkel first downs were gained by penalties, the Panthers being set back 40 paces while the Badgers lost only

Rev. and Mrs. Clements and child- 25. The starting line-ups: Merkel (6) Pos. Putnam (13) Williams \_\_\_\_ LE \_\_\_\_ \_\_ Grey Colling \_\_\_\_ LT \_\_\_ Everett Shouse \_\_\_\_ LG \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Green Middleton \_\_\_\_ C Earl Sanderman RG \_Ed Sanderman Gamble \_\_\_\_\_ RT \_\_\_\_ Pruitt Toombs RE \_\_\_\_\_ Little Russell \_\_\_\_\_ QB \_\_\_\_ Bray Wilson RH Heslep Derrick -----LH E. Sanderman FB \_\_\_\_

Cade \_\_\_\_\_ Substitutions: Merkel, Ferrier for lowing order: ed her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vol Cade: Putnam, Wallace for Green; Black for Pruett; Isenhour for Ed Sunderman; Wallace for Bray; Kill See the \$15.00 hornless graphophone for Little; Hesler for Wallace; Green for Wallace; Pruett for Black; Little for Kill; Bray for Earl Sunderman.

the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. pire, Tittle (Simmons); head lines- the plays. Its members are grade We give personal guarantee on Dr. G. W. Johnson, this week. man, Duke (Howard Payne). Score by quarter:

Miss Mary Keny went to Abilene Merkel \_\_\_ yesterday morning to be at the bed- Putnam \_\_\_\_ 7 0 0 6-13 floor of the building. There the parside of Miss Effie Hutson. PLACKWELL COMES FRIDAY.

Prof. T. C. Cobb of Fort Worth did games. On Friday of this week they been done in the Merkel schools this some fine singing at the North Side play Blackwell on the home lot and term. The exhibit, which is being Rev. Joseph Jacobs and family have Christian church and the money was or Thanksgiving Day they play Ro- sponsored by the seventh grade, is to arrived, Rev. Jacobs having accepted raised for a ten days singing school, tan at Rotan.

## BANKER STARTS Testimony in Trial of R. O. An-

TRIAL OF MERKEL

derson Hinges on Check Transfer, Involving \$160.

case of R. O. Anderson, former Merfunds, was hinging when court re- one dollar from the poll tax (one dolter of a \$160 transfer from a special schools); two dollars and fifty cents to a general fund of a woman's club. from the permanent school fund; leav. church in New Orleans, is to be pas-

evidence was made early in the case, the state ad valorem tax. The state succeeding Dr. Richard J. Spann, who when Dallas Scarborough of defense will meet her obligations and if, there goes to Big Spring; Rev. Cal C. counsel obtained from W. L. Diltz, will be any default, it will be on the cashier of the Farmers State bank was many years past the allotted three Ross Sterling as the date for a spec- of their fight then, and gave it up in Merkel, and first witness called score and ten years, having celebrated ial election to fill the congressional to old man jinx and Friday the 13th. by the state, an agreement to have his eighty-first birthday. When a vacancy caused by the death of Con- The Merkel score came in the third the Thursday club bank ledger of er plan than to run the Merkel schools Elmer Crabtree is transferred from quarter on a pass, Boaz to Derrick, July brought from Merkel for use in te full nine months just as they have Rule to take the pastorate of the Oak the trial.

Anderson was indicted in conperiod after a march from mid-field nection with the drawing of \$160 mean to lose the standards and credfireman, were scalded by steam that when Sunderman bucked over from from the regular account of the its attained by hard work and much elders in four of the nine districts. backfired into the cab, and narrowly the two-yard line. Morton's kick club on July 11, 1931. A check of that expense during these fifteen years. Changes were: E. E. White, presiddate, payable to cash and signed All of this long struggle of securing ing elder of the Abilene district, "Thursday Club, R. O. A." was intro- affiliation and making Merkel a fully transferred to Plainview district; R. Bray, quarter, and Eugene Sun- duced in evidence. Diltz testified the accredited high school would have M. Murrell, presiding elder in the erman, left half, were the out- check was in Anderson's handwriting. to be done over. It would mean that Abilene district; M. M. Beavers, pre-

From the July ledger, showing a \$160 deposit to the regular account from High school and those graduat- went to the Clarendon district and on the 11th, defense counsel is seeking ing thereafter would receive no cred- John E. Eldrige, formerly pastor at to prove that the amount was transting only 63. The Putnam boys lost ferred to the regular account when deposit slip in the amount of \$160 to the regular account on the same date was also introduced in evidence.

Diltz, who in the early part of his testimony said that after the examiner had discovered a discrepancy in this account he found the Thursday club special account of \$160 had been checked out on July 11, was recalled to the stand and questioned at length by both defense and state counsel after the bank records were brought from Merkel by Wilbur Thomas, a bank employe.

In the meantime E. W. Jameson, a state bank examiner, was called by the state and an array of character witnesses for Anderson were placed on the stand by defense.

Jameson testified he examined the records of the bank on September 23, found a shortage in a transaction of July 11 and had a conversation with Anderson regarding the matter.

"What did he tell you with reference to the amount?" J. R. Black, 42nd district attorney asked Jameson.

"He said he got it," was the reply. (Continued on Page Eight)

#### Program of Plays at Grammar Auditorium

At 7:30 o'clock Friday evening, November 20, the pupils of the Merkel Grammar school will present a program in the school auditorium. There will be a general admission charge of ten cents.

The program is arranged in the fol-

Music by a primary band. "Around the World in Bed." "In Flanders Field." "Toby's Thanksgiving Doll."

"Happy Pilgrims." The recently organized Merkel Mrs. Bartley Smith of Odessa is Referee, Riddle (Simmons); um- Junior orchestra will play between

> school pupils. Before and following the program, an exhibit will be open on the main ents and friends of the school are re-The Badgers have only two more quested to inspect the work which has be made permanent.

## STATE WILL PAY ITS PART, SAYS SUPT. MARRS

State Apportionment to Come in List of Conference Appoint-Full: Supt. Burgess Says It's Up to Local Taxpayers; Schools on Cash Basis.

There are many rumors and questions about the financial condition of the Merkel schools, whether they are to run nine months or not, and what will happen if they should close short of nine months. Supt. Burgess has pal conference Sunday night, he anhanded The Mail the following extract from a letter from State Supt. Yeats to the church in this city. Marrs on the situation:

MARRS' LETTER.

portionment will be paid prior to an additional dollar will be paid prior to December 10. The state is not dependent to any great extent upon the payment of ad valorem taxes to pay presiding elder of the Abilene district, the per capita of \$17.50. It must be this apportionment is received from Murrell has been presiding elder in Abilene, Nov. 19 .- Testimony in the the gasoline tax; one dollar and fif- the Clarendon district. He was formty cents from the cigarette tax; one kel banker charged with embezzle- dollar from the sulphur tax; another ment and misapplication of bank; dollar from the gross production tax; cessed at 5:30 Wednesday on the mat- lar of the \$1.75 poll tax goes to A sudden shift in the direction of ing less than \$6.00 to be derived from tor of St. Paul's Methodist church, part of local districts." Supt. Burgess added the following:

"The board of trustees have no othbeen run for the past fifteen years. To street church, succeeding Rev. J. E. close short of nine full months would Harrell, who goes to Loraine. the students graduating this year siding elder of the Plainview district, it if they wish to attend college. The Tulia, was named presiding elder in school would be put back in the same the Perryton district. (Continued on Page Four)

## **MERKEL PASTOR** RETURNED FOR ANOTHER YEAR

ments Good to Merkel; Rev. W. M. Murrell Named Presiding Elder of Abilene District.

Bishop Hiram A. Boaz was good to Merkel. In his list of appointments to North West Texas charges, read before the Vernon Methodist Episconounced the return of Rev. E. L.

Rev. Mr. Yeats has been here only one year, but in those twelve monts "It is probable that a payment of he has become an integral part of one dollar per capita of the new ap- Merkel as well as the highly respected and useful leader of the Methodist November 10 and it is expected that world in this community. It is indeed good news that he will be with us another year.

Rev. W. M. Murrell will be the new succeeding Rev. E. E. White, who remembered that more than \$5.00 of goes to the Plainview district. Dr. my pastor of the local Methodist church and is always a most welcome

visitor here. Three new pastors will come to Abilene: Rev. O. W. Bradley, from the largest Methodist Episcopal (South) Wright, formerly of Snyder, becomes pastor of the First church at Abilene, succeeding Rev. J. H. Hamblen, who goes to Sweetwater, and Rev.

Changes were made in presiding

the special account was closed. A position as it was fifteen years ago, The five presiding elders left in and would again face this long road their present districts were: O. P. (and expensive one) of building up Clark, Sweetwater district; E. C. (Continued on Page Four)

For several reasons I find it difficult to get as excited as some of my

friends about the threat of Communism. In the first place, we have had universal education in this country for a long time. Nearly all can read and write, and quite a large proportion

can think. In the second place, our wealth, though very inequitably distributed, is enjoyed by a far larger proportion of people than has ever been true in any nation before. Millions own homes, and land and stocks. Few are

entirely satisfied; no one imagines the present social structure ideal, but very few care to risk losing what they have on the vague promise of acquiring more. But there is a third and more fundamental reason. Communism, even

if it came, would not continue. Some form of capitalistic society would very rapidly take its place.

Here is an interesting illustration.

Back in the latter days of the Civil War, when it was necessary to draft men for the Northern armies, the Indians of the West thought it a propitious time to revolt. Several regiments of Union soldiers were withdrawn from the front to-

settle the uprising. A Pennsylvania politician made a smart suggestion. He said to Abraham Lincoln: "Our Federal military prisons are filled with Southern military prisoners. These boys are young and keen and good fighters, as we have plenty of reason to know. I'll bet that most of them would rather be outdoors fighting the Indians than sitting idly in jail. Why not recruit them into regiments and send them West?"

The proposal was adopted and was immediately successful. But this is what happened in one instance, which throws a fine clear light on the practicability of Communism. I quote from my father's Life of Lin-

"A thousand men were enlisted at Alton, Illinois, and Camp Douglas in Chicago. They left Chicago on two special trains. Each man had in his pocket two hundred dollars bounty in United States greenback, and none of them had any other money. During the period of their imprisonment most of them had become habitual card players, if they had not previously been so. It is said that before they reached their destination e very few individuals had the lion's share of the money. Perhaps never before on earth was there so equitable an experiment in the results of starting men out in life on the basis of equal division of property. The equal division appears not to have lasted very long."

Life is a battle and a gamble. We can improve the rules, give fairer handicaps to the less favored, and make the game more humane.

But we can't alter the fundamentals of human nature. Communism tries to do that; and Communism will always fail.

#### -Armstrong Drug Co. Miss Beulah Haynes leaves in a few days for an extended visit in different points in Southern Texas.

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## WHAT'S DOING IN **WEST TEXAS**

A scenic drive in the Davis Mountains near Fort Davis is under construction to extend approximately seventy-five miles.

in Mexico just across the river from rates; plenty of money; never come er. Del Rio, the strongest in power on the North American continent, was open- Citizens N. F. L. A. Farms, Ranches, ed recently, the Del Rio chamber of Business Property for sale or excommerce having charge of the initial change. Room 1, Penney Bldg., Abi-

One oil refining company is spending one hundred and fifty thousand

for the same month.

Five hundred acres of cantaloupes will be planted in the Fort Stockton area next year as an experiment.

A trainload of calves was shipped cents. Brown's Bargain Store. from Marfa recently to Virgini

the Texas Fanhandle had highway . contracts let aggregating over two hundred thousand dollars for new receive news of entertainments

The hide of a cattalo-cross between | \* a general nature. If you have a buffalo and cattle-is a prized pos- . company, entertain friends or session of the Panhandle Historical . return from a trip please telesociety, Canyon.

West Texas counties won the first . . . . . . . . . . . three places in county exhibits at the State Fair of Texas this year. They were Eastland, Randall and Hartley, Sleepy Feeling After in the order named.

receiving sets.

A riding academy is being establish- sure to poison heart, kidneys, brain. ed at Sul Ross Teachers' college, Al-

Road District Two, Coke county, recently voted bonds for \$175,000 for highway construction, 463 to 172.

has been marketed in the San Angelo man doctor's simple remedy. Merkel territory this year.

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MANY WAYS

Duro canyons near Canyon during the Intermediate Honor summer. Palo Duro canyon is a proposed state park.

A new school building is being erected at Sunray in Hartley county.

Angelo board of city development.

5 1-2 per cent Federal Loans are Radio broadcasting station, XER, Better Loans. Longer time, lower due. W. Homer Shanks, Sec'y.-Treas., lene, Texas.

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\* or visitors in Merkel homes, \* as well as other news items of phone 61 or 29.

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#### Roll for First Period Merkel Public Schools

A fat stock show is to be held in sixth and seventh grades of the Mer- shown from ginning figures releas-San Angelo from February 29, to kel Public schools were on the honor ed Friday by Tobias Watson, govern-March 2, 1932, sponsored by the San roll for the first grade period. This ment statistician.

> Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett. Touchstone, 93; Murray Toombs, 91; erop. Harold Morgan, 92.

Seventh Grade, Ralph Duke. Juanita Huskey, 96; Ora Derrick, or 61. 93; Mabel Maddox, 93; Opal Buzbee,

Sixth Grade, Miss Welch. Billie Dunning, 92; Junior Grimes, 91; Murphy Dye, 90.

Sixth Grade, Miss Pinckley. Morris Wozencraft, 93; Lurline Tarlton, 92.

Fifth Grade, Miss Coffey. Charles Andy Shouse, 93; Dick West, 92; Hollis Perry, 92; Jessie La Verne Simpson, 91; Charles Iddings, 90: W. J. Miller, 90.

Fifth Grade, Miss Sloan. Janell Black, 94; Lynell Carpenter, \* 94; Dorthea Sue Bird, 92; Barbara Nell Dewett, 92.

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#### Ginnings in County Go Over 30,000 Mark

Froduction of between 35,000 and 40,000 bales of cotton is in prospect The following pupils of the fifth, for Taylor county this season, it is

honor roll was not printed earlier due | The report shows 30,274 bales ginto the absence of Mrs. Len Sublett, ned in the county prior to November principal of the Grammar school, dur- 1. The total is more than three times ing the illness and death of her moth- that of the corresponding period last year, when the figure was 9,785.

It was estimated this year's report Francis Tarlton, 94; Mollie Frank represents about 85 per cent of the

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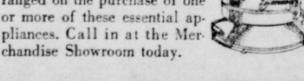
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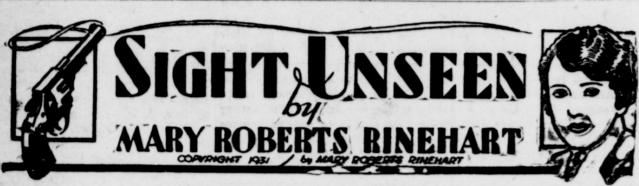
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EIGHTH INSTALLMENT SYNOPSIS.

Six people, Horace Johnson (who tells the story), his wife, old Mrs. Dane, Herbert Robinson and his sisweekly meetings. At one of them, Mrs. Dane, who is hostess, varies the pro- divulge until the end. gram by unexpectedly arranging a spiritualistic seance with Miss Jeremy, me," she said finally, "that I am "Read it," she observed. "It is a fessional, as the medium.

the details of a murder as it is oc- are people of affairs. But now and track of something." curring. Later that night Sperry then I have a flash of intelligence. learns that a neighbor, Arthur Wells, has been shot mysteriously. With deserve it." Johnson he goes to the Wells residence

where Charles Ellingham was known a newspaper clipping. tion.

the deserted house. He is frightened by strange noises, as of an intruder in gation.

citement carries off the fire tongs, to me to try to trace that bag." leaving them in his own hall rack "in what way?" forgets to bring away his overcoat, tised for the bag. which is carried off by the myster- I was too astonished to speak.

stiffly. "I have always believed that advertisement as I inserted it." I furnished to the Neighborhood Club its only leaven of humor."

If you could know how I have en- to A 31, the Daily News." joyed it. All afternoon I have been I sat with it on my palm. It was as to the writer, and I think she had The fire-tongs!"

Then I knew that my wife had been not thought of it! to Mrs. Dane and I drew a long "that while doubtless I carried the thing had come of it." wretched things home and-er-placed them where they were found, I have not the slightest recollection of it. And brought up another clipping. it is hardly amusing, is it?"

them. I would give cheerfully ai- its significance; most anything I possess."

all, she could convince my wife if she an Eastern Line street car, a black ance of extreme guilt . . . . were convinced herself.

was shot, and of what we discovered; ed if returned to Daily News office." | bold step. This was to call a special perience in the deserted house.

ment her faded face flushed. And such a chance, and I spoke of it. an air of suppressed excitement that "I am not through, my friend." ever, when the denouement came the pocketbook, letters and all, to appear. | made a speech. following week.

then she knew, or strongly suspected, an envelope. the thing that the rest of us had

neighbors, are in the habit of holding was in possession of facts which we at the newspaper office, and found "You have been so ungenerous with held out the envelope to me.

and they find confirmation of the bag at her side which was as much a cerian, and if it lacks character I am such a letter. Who had written the medium's account. Mrs. Wells tells part of her attire as the false front inclined to believe that its weakness letter, then, and for whom was it them her husband shot himself in a she wore with such careless abandon is merely the result of infrequent use meant? and which, brown in color and indif- of a pen. At a second seance, Miss Jeremy ferently sewed, was invariably part- You know who this is from. I have seemed to preclude the possibility of adds details about a summer resort ing from its mooring. She drew out the bag and the letters. In a safe Ellingham's having gone to the house

I had noticed it.

"I have plenty of time to think," think I haven't.

where his wife discovers them the "How does any one trace lost arti- It is unsigned. next morning and reproaches him for cles?" she demanded. "By advertising, his nocturnal wanderings. He also of course. Last Wednesday I adver- Dane. She was watching me, her face a sort of atonement.

ious stranger. Mrs. Dale learns of his "I reasoned like this: If there was our orderly lives. We eat, and sleep, peculiar actions and charges him no such bag, there was no harm done, and talk, and even labor. We think we with possessing an unsuspected sense As a matter of fact, if there was no are living. But for the last day or two such bag, the chances were that we I have been seeing visions-you and NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY- were all wrong, anyhow. If there was I and the rest of us, living on the "I am not aware-" I began such a bag, I wanted it. Here is the surface, and underneath, carefully

letters, car-tickets, etc. Liberal re- crime and violence and suffering. "Don't spoil it," she begged. "Don't. | ward paid for its return. Please write | That letter is a tragedy."

chuckling. The fire-tongs, Horace. so simple, so direct. And I, a lawyer not, she said nothing, and soon after and presumably reasonably acute, had I started for home.

"Yes, but I'm not ready for it."

"Amusing!" she cried. "It's delic- ed," she said impressively, "this also fire-tongs, a proceeding which I had ious. It has made me a young woman appeared. They were in the same col- considered would assist in a return of again. Horace, if I could have seen umn." She read the second clipping the entente cordiale at home, but your wife's face when she found aloud, slowly, that I might gain all which most unjustly appeared to have

"Lost on the night of Monday, No-But underneath her mirth I knew vember the second, between State most innocent action may, under certhere was something else. And, after Avenue and Park Avenue, possibly on tain circumstances, assume an appearrandbag containing keys, car-tickets, By Saturday the condition of affairs I told her of the visit Sperry and private letters, and a small sum of between my wife and myself remained I had made the night Arthur Wells money. Reward and no questions ask- in statu quo, and I had decided on a

of the clerk at the pharmacy and his; She passed the clipping to me and meeting of the Neighborhood Club, statement and last of all of my ex- I compared the two. It looked strange, without Miss Jeremy, and put before and I confess to a tingling feeling them the situation as it stood at that She was very serious when I fin- that coincidence, that element so much time, with a view to formulating a ished. Tea came, but we forgot to to be feared in any investigation, was future course of action, and also of drink it. Her eyes flashed with excite- not the solution here. But there was publicly vindicating myself before my

with it all as I look back, there was "Coincidence rubbish!" she retorted. In deference to Herbert Robinseemed to have nothing to do with . She went down into the bag again, met at the Robinson house. Sperry my narrative. I remembered it, hew- and I expected nothing less than the himself wheeled Mrs. Dane over, and

She was a remarkable woman. Even cellany of articles women like to carry,

"Yesterday," she said, "I took a ter, Alice, and Dr. Sperry, friends and I think it only fair to record that she gets tiresome, occasionally. I stopped to then.

I'm going to tell you, but you don't It'is written on glazed paper, ruled to the Wells house that night. By no She went down into the black silk flowing style we used to call Spen- could we imagine Ellingham writing

etters. Mrs. Dane, alone of the wo- portant. More important, probably, have to pay up in the next world, went there alone. men, seems thrilled by the investiga- than the mere record shows. Do you even if she gets off in this. The way In to end, we decided to hold one recall the note of distress in Miss I reason is this: As long as I have more seance, and then, unless the fur-Johnson goes alone and investigates Jeremy's voice? It was almost a wail." the things, I've got the whiphand. ther developments were such that we I've got you, too, although you may must go on, to let the affair drop.

the house, but completes his investi- she added, not without pathos. "There About the other matter I was inno- bitterness toward Miss Jeremy, a is only one Monday night in the week, cent. I swear it again. I never did jealousy of her powers, even of her He leaves the house and in his ex- and the days are long. It occurred it. You are the only one in all the youth, had not dawned on me. But go on like this.

grave and rather sad.

"You and I, Horace," she said, "live Sperry, but arrived shortly after we kept down so it will not make us un-"Lost, a handbag containing private | comfortable, a world of passion and

But if she had any suspicion then

In one way, Mrs. Johnson's refusal "You are wasted on us, Mrs. Dane," to speak to me that evening had a breath. "I assure you," I said gravely, I acknowledged. "Well? I see some- certain value, for it enabled me to leave the house without explanation and thus to discover that, if an over-She dived again into the bag, and coat had been left in place of my own, it had been taken away. It also "On the day that I had that insert- gave me an opportunity to return the exactly the opposite effect.

It has been my experience that the

wiie.

son's recent attack of influenza, we

But she dragged up, among a mis-1 "We have called this meeting," he

said, "to determine whether the Neighborhood Club, as a body wishes to go in with an investigation, or to stop where we are."

H paused, but, as no one spoke, he wen, on again. "It is really not as simple a that," he said. "To stop now, in view of the evidence we intend to place before the Club, is to leave in all our minds certain suspicions that may be entirely unjust. On the other hand, to go on is very possible to place us all in a position where to keep silent is to be an accessory after crime."

He then proceeded, in orderly fashmissed, the x of the equation. But taxicab ride. You know my chair ion, to review the entire situation up

Mrs. Dane then read and explained did not have, and which she did not the bag had not been turned in, but the two clippings and the letter, and that there was a letter for A 31." She the situation, so far as it had developed, was before the Club.

Were we to go on, or to stop? a friend of Dr. Sperry and not a pro- tempted not to tell you why I sent curious human document. You'll prob- We broke into animated discussion. for you. Of course, I know I am only ably be no wiser for reading it, but The letter to A 31 was the rock on At the first sitting the medium tells a helpless old woman, and you men it shows one thing: We are on the which all our theories foundered, that and the message the governess had I have the letter before me now, sent to Charlie Ellingham not to come with blue lines. The writing is of the stretch of rather excited imaginations

As to the telephone message, it place. If you would treat me like a that night. But the fact remained that to have been at the same time that "On going over Clara's notes," she human being, you could have them. a man, as yet unidentified, was un-Mrs. Wells was there. She also speaks said, "I came to the conclusion, last I know where the walking-stick is, doubtedly concerned in the case, had of a pocketbook being lost which con- Tuesday, that the matter of the miss- also. I will tell you this. I have no written the letter, and had probably tained some important car tickets and ing handbag and the letters was im- wish to do her any harm as she will been in the Wells house the night I

That my wife had felt a certain world. I would rather be dead than when on Sunday, in her new humility, she suggested that we call on the medium that afternoon, I realized I stared from the letter to Mrs. that, in her own way, she was making

Miss Jeremy was out riding with



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SOUTHLAND MOUND chair for her close to the small fire the coat. which hardly affected the chill of the

Sperry looked at the girl and smiled

"Shall I tell them?" he said. "I want very much to have them

know.' He stood up, and with that unconscious drama which actuates a man at a crisis in his affairs, he put a hand can save one dollar by this deal. on her shoulder. "This young lady is going to marry me," he said. "We are very happy today."

My wife, to my surprise, kissed the

Tea was brought in by Hawkins! I knew him immediately, but he did not at once see me. He was evidently and he did not recognize my wife. But when he had put down the tray and turned to pick up Sperry' overcoat to carry it into the hall, he saw me.

got there. Sperry was glad to see us. The man actually started. I cannot It was not hard to see how things say that he changed color. He was alwere with him. He helped the girl ways a pale, anemic-looking individout of her wraps with a manner that ual. But it was a perceptible instant was almost proprietary, and drew a before he stooped and gathered up

(To Be Continued.)

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"Nine deep-water ports make Texas Gulf Coast the front door to the Blessings both for the individual and world's markets for half a dozen great | for us all. states, and give Texas a rank second only to New York as an exporting Coming." state. Exports and imports moving through Texas ports in 1929 amoun- son. ted to \$732,000,000, and coastwide trade was only a little short of a billion dollars," writes T. C. Richardson for When God's Material Blessings in his article on Texas which is pub- are Few," Addie Fae Patterson. lished in the December issue of Hol- Discussion: "With my Opportuni-

In further reference to Texas, Mr. a. "To Make my Own Way in Life Richardson says, "The greatest manu- with God's Help," Lowell Vickers. facturing enterprise in the state, very b. "To Accept Life as an Opportunaturally, is the refining of petro- nity for Service," B. P. Middleton. leum. Standing at the top of the list | c. "To Accept Life as an Opporas an oil producing state-the aver- tunity to Share," Marie Pinckley. age for 1929-1930 was 295,000,000 The Sunday night service will be barrels-refined products run ap- given over to the Epworth League for proximately half a billion dollars. The the presentation of the pageant: "They terson. East Texas oil field, of now stormy Stayed in College, but How!" The history, has been called by geologists cast under the direction of Mrs. Irvin. the greatest proved field in the world, have been working hard on this play mother, who is ill. with a potential production of about and we want to ask that the members 1,300,000,000 barrels. Naturally, new of the Methodist church give us their from a visit with her daughter, Mr. refineries have sprung up in the shad- loyal support and if not that at least and Mrs. Wade Darsey, in San Anow of the derricks, and pipe-line con- their presence; it doesn't cost any- gelo. nections have been made from the thing. new field to the greatest refining district in the world, among the Houston-Beaumont-Port Arthur deep-water facilities, whence the refined products go all over the globe.

"Texas has long been a billion-dollar state in agricultural and ranch products; and, about 1924 she topped the billion-dollar mark in manufactures. Next to petroleum refining, in the order of total value of the products, come meat packing, eighty-five million dollars; cottonseed products, car Briggs. eighty millions; flour and other grain mill products, forty-nine millions; lumber and timber products, fortyfour millions. Car construction and Richardson. repairs, foundry and machine shops, printing and publishing, wood preserving, cotton goods, bread and other bakery products each contributes from twenty to forty million dollars to the total."

#### RECORD GINNING PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1 IN TEXAS.

With census ginnings prior to November 1 for Texas reported as 4,035,-000 bales, the year of 1932 has attain. ed a record as of that date. During no other year has Texas ever ginned this much cotton by November 1.

This information is contained in the November 1 crop report for Texas, issued by the Federal-State crop and livestock reporting service under the joint direction of the United States department of agriculture and the Texas department of agriculture.

Two paragraphs of this crop report are re-printed as follows:

"The first week of October continued dry and effective rains were confined to the upper coast counties. During the second week showers, locally excessive, occurred in much of the northern third of the state and on the immediate coast. During the last two weeks of the month, effective rainfall occurred in most of the northern and western portions of the state. These rains were favorable for sowing fall grains. The month of October was very favorable for harvesting. Ranges have improved during October and moisture conditions are favorable in all but the south and southeast portions of the state.

"The Texas cotton crop is estimated at 5,250,000 bales of 500-pound gross weight and yield 159 pounds, which compares with a production of 4,038,-000 bales and a yield of 114 pounds last year. Census ginnings prior to November 1 for Texas were reported as 4,035,000 bales which is a record ginning. During no other year has Texas ever ginned this much cotton by this date. The other high ginnings in recent years on November 1 are 3,865,00 bales in 1928, 3,565,000 bales in 1926, and 3,792,000 bales in 1924. Generally speaking the month of October was very favorable to the Texas cotton crop.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE. Program for Nov. 22:

Leader: Tracy Campbell. Doxology.

Responsive reading: Jim Patterson Baird. and Lowell Vickers. Psalm 103.

Prayer: Paul Coll.ins Hymn: "I'll Go Where You Want

Me to Go.' Scripture reading: leader.

A discussion of God's Material Hymn: "Work for the Night is

Poem: "Thank God," Lela Patter-

"Man at His Best," Mary Collins. Discussion: "What to be Thankful

land's, The Magazine of the South. | ties What are My Obligations?"

#### HI-LEAGUE.

Leader, Lois Whiteley. Topic: "Living Our Thank You's." Song No. 239. Song No. 11.

Roll call-answer by giving a verse mother, Mrs. Anna Fugat, who is ill. Thanksgiving or Praise. Scripture reading-Psalm

Cimothy 6:17-19; Luke 17:11-19. "I Have Seen Thankfulness," Dun-

"Speaking our Thanks," Mildred Smith died at Fort Worth Sunday.

Sentence prayers giving thanks.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sickness prevented many from at-

Young people's meeting at 6 p. m. Come to Sunday School and bring your visitors.

oth hours next Sunday.

J. T. King, Pastor.

#### INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

ful Hearts," in the Intermediate de- drews. partment of the Baptist church. All members and prospective members are urged to be present.

Benediction:

"Oh, Father in heaven we thank Thee that Thou From the beauty of heaven look'st down on us now.

Thou seest the hearts that are bending to Thee Thou knowest how grateful our spirits may be.

The year that has spent brought its blessisngs to all But today on Thy goodness again we would call;

For the year that has ended we thank Thee today And now for the year that is coming we pray.

Stronger and better we hope we may grow

Oh, hear us, our Father, our hearts whisper low. For the year that has ended, Oh, Lord,

we thank Thee And pray for Thy love through the

days yet to be."

CHURCH OF CHRIST. Bible study 9:45 a. m. Worship 10:45 a. m. Training classes 6:15 p. m. Ladies Bible class Tuesday 2:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday

7:15 p. m. These are interesting services and you should be there to enjoy them. L. E. Carpenter, Minister.

From 2 till 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon we will sell six yards of good grade domestic for 25 cents. Brown's Bargain Store.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. . Sunday School at 10 a. m. Let's Topic: "God's Gift and my Obliga- make an effort to raise the average attendance nearer the enrollment.

> There will not be a preaching service Sunday, as the pastor will be at Prayer meeting Wednesday even-

> > W. M. Elliott, Supt.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel Mr. and Mrs. Frank Golladay. last Sunday. This compares with 715 for the previous Sunday and 653 for the same Sunday a year ago.

#### MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

The study of the Gospel of Acts will be resumed at the Men's Afternoon Prayer Service at the Nazarene church next Sunday, with L. L. Murray as the leader. The lesson will be the twenty-first chapter of Acts.

#### **Personal Mention**

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey visited relatives at Truby Sunday. Mrs. E. D. Ruse of Midland is the

guest of her sister, Mrs. Homer Pat-Miss Bertha Moreland has gone to

Mrs. J. T. Darsey has returned

Will Higgins spent several days with visitor present.

relatives in Lamesa the latter part of last week, returning Monday. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fugat returned Monday night from Dallas where they had been to visit Mr. Fugat's

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Alston of Hereford were here for several days last week to visit Mrs. Alston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson. Mrs. H. C. Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett attended the "Feeling our Thanks," Imogene funeral of the former's brother, J. W. Smith, at Midlothian Monday. Mr.

> Mr. and Mrs. Jim White and little Kennedy daughter, Bettie Jo, Mrs. Clyde White, phine Chestnut, all of Colorado, were

tending Sunday School and church be glad to learn that she was suf- cuit, O. C. Stapleton; Hawley cirlast Sunday. We trust that health ficiently improved to be moved to her cuit; H. B. Coggin; Lawn circuit, J. conditions will be much improved by home Monday from the West Texas F. Patterson; Merkel, E. L. Yeats; Sunday and that all absentees may Baptist sanitarium at Abilene, where Moran, C. H. Tedger; Putnam, Cecil be back. The pastor will preach at she had undergone a major operation Fox; Trent, U. S. Sherrill; Tuscola the previous Monday.

daughter, Luna, returned the latter erford College, J. G. V. Anderson; cr, C. O. White. Other relatives at- W. Hunt; professor McMurry College, On Sunday evening, November 22, tending the funeral were J. T. White, F. Darcy Bone; student in S. M. U., at 6 o'clock several members of the Santo, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. White and J. Edmond Kirby; district secretary Intermediate B. Y. P. U. will present daughter, Clara Pearl, of Lipan and of Christian education, C. C. Wright. the playlet, "The Secret of Thank- Mr. and Mrs. W. L. White of An-

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#### BRIDGE PARTY.

#### J. U. G.

Misses Frances Owens and Mabel Murray were co-hostesses in enter-Ropesville to be at the bedside of her taining members of the J. U. G. club in the home of Miss Owens last week. Thanksgiving games and contests If any taxes must go unpaid, those were played, also Thanksgiving favors who have children in school and those were given with picnic lunches in au- who are interested in other people's tumn baskets. A full membership were children and their education should Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler and Mrs. present with Miss Margaret Dunn one let the other taxes be the taxes to go

#### Pastor Returned

(Continued from fage One) Slover, Stamford district; R. S. Stewart, Vernon district; L. W. Lipscomb, Amarillo district, and C. A. Bickley, Lubbock district.

ABILENE DISTRICT. Pastoral appointments in the Abi-

lene district follow: Presiding elder, W. M. Murrell; Baird, M. S. Leveridge; Blair circuit, Marvin Williams; Caps c.reuit, L. H. Sunday visitors of Mr and Mrs. J. J. Davis; Clyde, Raymond Van Zandt; Friends of Mrs. J. R. Walker will Plains, C.-C. Armstrong; Dressey circircuit, O. B. Herring; Tye circuit, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White and Earl M. Nowlin; teacher in Weathpart of last week from Colorado, teacher in Wilson School, Otis F. Mawhere they had gone on Thursday son; student, S. M. U., Ray N. Johnfor the funeral of Mr. White's broth- sen; president McMurry College, J.

Ruth Hall Langston, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Langston of Dixon, Ky., was found dead Permanent waves, \$2 to \$10; sham- in the rear seat of her father's autopoos, 35c; sets, 25c and 35c; hair mobile at Dallas Tuesday morning, cuts, 25c; manicures, 25c; marcels, death having been caused by suffoca-35c. Modern Marinello Shop. Alice tion in a blanket with which her moth-Deweese at Merkel Drug Co., phone er had wrapped her when the family

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#### On Cash Basis

(Continued from Page One.) Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Jr., young men and women who will grad- Sheppard and Olin O'zee Sheppard, extended hospitality to a large num- uate this next year and the years Fort Worth; Sim Sheppard and son, of last week, entertaining with bridge people deprived of the privilege of alo; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wilson, games. The home was decorated with going to college because Merkel High Thornton, Texas; Mrs. Mollie Allen, cluded Messrs. and Mesdames Bob must not close if it can be helped, and John Sheppard, Bert Sheppard and Mayfield, Cecil Guthrie, H. H. Jen- it can be helped. It can be helped by wife, Abilene; Mrs. Bryant Wash and Cyrus Pee, Kenneth Pee, Earl with their part of the burden. The ney Hunt, Haskell; Mr. and Mrs.

ON CASH BASIS.

There were 672 present at the four ey, Mr. and Mr. W. L. Johnson, Jr., of the very few systems in West Tex- A. Fitts, Mrs. L. B. Howard, J. T. as that is running on a cash basis. Most of the schools are having to borrow money to get them by until tax-Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pee were paying time in February. This is not gracious hosts to five tables of bridge the case with Merkel. When the reon Tuesday evening. At the culmina- port was made to auditor on Septtion of the games, fruited jello, topped | tember first, the depository for Merwith whipped cream, with individual kel Independent school showed a cash cakes, was served to the following balance sufficient to run the schools Mulberry canyon for more than 50 guests: Messrs. and Mesdames Cyrus until tax money begins to come in. In Pee, Earl Teague, Milton Case, Ed other words, our school is not having McCrary, W. L. Johnson, Jr., Cecil to borrow money to run until some Guthrie, Misses Annie Lou Russell, money comes in. We are running on a Rose Laney, Julia Martin and Emma cash basis. We have this cash balan-Toombs, Messrs. Howard Laney and ce, the state will come across with its Floyd Davis and the host and host- \$17.50 per pupil (the state apportionment), and if the local tax-payers will but do their part, the Merkel Schools will close in the spring with a full nine months term and in good financial condition.

PAY SCHOOL TAXES.

"The schools are very important. unpaid. Your superintendent of schools would like to urge that you Jones, who survives. She had been a pay your school tax first. If any tax member of the Presbyterian church must go unpaid, don't let it be the school tax. Pay your school tax and keep the Merkel schools running."

#### Obituary .

(Continued From Page One) neighbor. Greater than any of these, Butman community; Mrs. L. J. Renhowever, was that devotion to family, fro, Merke'; Miss Bobby Jones, Longthat example as a father and hus- view; Mrs. Thelma Smith, Cotton-Abilene, First Church, Cal C. Wright; band, that loyalty to his religion and wood; Mrs. R. W. Johnson, Dora; Abilene, St. Paul's, O. W. Bradley; the faith of his fathers that had led Miss Virgil Jones, Dora, and Mrs. O. Abilene, Oak Street, Elmer Crabtree; him so safely and serenely since early E. Matthews, Butman. She is also Albany, T. J. Rea; Anson, A. B. Eng- manhood. It is in that hallowed fam- survived by 20 grandchildren and fish; Anson circuit, E. L. Naugle; ily circle that he will be most greatly one brother, J. B. Brandon, of Putcommunity goes out in love and sympathy to the bereaved mother and Clyde circuit, W. V. O'Kelly; Cross children and their children's child- ing the American Cup challenger, ren and grandchildren.

Among those present from out-of- rocks built in 1908, are to be sold.

town were the two sons from Dallas, J. D. Sheppard, wife and daughter, and Bill Sheppard, wife and daughthe standard again. This no one with ter, all of whom were at his bedside he welfare of the school at heart when he passed away; Sim Sheppard can for a moment contemplate. No one of Waco, the only brother, and his who has at heart the welfare of the son, Bob, of Fort Worth; Mrs. D. son; H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Dallas; Mr and Mrs. Will Riney and son, Miss Howard and Earl Hughes, Abilene.

#### Mrs. J. D. Jones.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church at 2:30 Monday afternoon for Mrs. Fannie F. Brandon Jones, 61, wife of J. D. Jones, pioneer of this section with residence in years. The services were conducted by Rev. J. T. King, pastor, assisted by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Interment was

in Rose Hill cemetery. Pall bearers were Gus, Jack and Charlie Bandon, of Putnam, nephews; C. M. and J. D. Isenhower, of Putnam, grandsons, and W. C. Matthews. Mrs. Jones succumbed Sunday afternoon at Putnam at the home of a

daughter, Mrs. W. M. Isenhower. Born in Fort Worth February 10, 1871, Mrs. Jones moved with her family to Mulberry canyon community when she was eight years old and had resided in that community since. She had lived on the same place for 32 years. She was married at Mulberry Canyon when she was 18 to J. D.

since she was 14 years old. Besides her husband, she is survived by 11 children, three sons and eight daughters. They are John Jones, Castle Peak; Luther and J. A. Jones, Putnam; Mrs. W. M. Isenhower, Putnam: Mrs. Will Butman of the

Sir Thomas Lipton's yachts, includ-Shamrock V, and another of the Sham-

## SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

FLOUR, Extra High Patent, 48 pounds, Every sack guaranteed \$1.00 SOAP, White Laundry, 10 bars 25c 25c COFFEE, Pure Peaberry, 2 lbs. 15c OATS, large size, 3 Minute Cooker DRIED PEACHES, 2 lbs. for 23c CORN, No. 2 size, 2 for 18c 23c CRACKERS, Saltine, 2 lbs. CRACKERS, 3 lb. box 34c VANILLA WAFERS, 1 lb. size 22c GRAPEFRUIT, large size, seedless LETTUCE, nice and crisp

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#### FOR SALE

FOR SALE-Head maize. See Shorty Yelloway, Merkel Texas.

FOR SALE CHEAP OR EXCHAN-GE-206 acre sandy farm, one mile north Golden, orchard, potato and termelon land; give terms. What you? See Joe Garland or Tom

#### WANTED

I STILL KNOW HOW and am anxious to make your terrace surveys. Lee D. Williams.

WISH TO BUY milch cow, and six cows. A. J. Newman, Merkel, Texas.

WILL STAND my thoroughbred registered Jersey bull at my barn in South Merkel; fees, \$1. John S. Hugh-

#### LOST AND FOUND

STRAYED-4 year old shetland pony, white stocking feet. L. L. Wills, Merkel, Texas, Route 4.

#### LODGE NOTICES



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

J. C. Childress, W.M. C. L. Boswell, Sec'y.

#### Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 19 .-Wednesday's market was steady with 1,500 head of cattle and 1,000 calves here. All classes met with fair demand, steers selling more readily than

quality brought \$5 to \$7. Grassers the assembly line last April 14, arriv- the opening of the deer season. made \$3 to \$3.25, butcher cows went ing and was the object of attention of P. Dickinson, Constable J. T. King, at \$2.65 to \$2.85 and canners cleared a large crowd that assembled at the C. A. Roberts, J. L. Speck and Homaround \$1.50 to \$1.75. No very good show rooms of the Merkel Motor com- er Patterson. They went to the Mason ers paid \$3.75 to \$5.25 for fat calves. Stock cows notched \$3.60 and choice stocker steer calves brought \$6.10.

1,100 head.

Lambs, yearlings and wethers lost about 25c. Good lambs went at \$4.65 eastern city limit were N. A. Dowell, Lions Defer Meeting; to \$4.75, fat yeardlings moved at \$4, Herbert Patterson and a representa-2-year-old wethers brought \$3 and aged wethers cleared at \$2.

#### Cotton Receipts.

Including receipts of cotton at the from Merkel, total for the season now shows at 8,460 bales, according to tabulation by The Mail Thursday morn-

#### Cattle Shipments.

of calves to the Fort Worth market Monday morning.

#### Prize List Will be Given Next Week

the annual show of the Merkel Poul- Chas. Thompson, in charge of the try and Rabbit association, are fast broadcasting car; M. Omalen, motion nounced later.

is announced by the officers of the association that it will probably be ready for publication next week.

R. A. Ellis is president of the association, John West, Forrest Gai- Patrolmen Pitts and J. W. Timms ther and Eli Cordell, vice-presidents, are accompanying the party in its tour the pupils of the Blair schools will be and Robert Hicks, secretary-treasur-

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to those who have been so kind tous in the loss of our husband and father. Your assistance has meant so much to us. Your kindness and sympathy has helped to lighten the burden of corrow. May the richness of God's

bles ing ever be with you. Mrs. S. W. Sheppard and Family.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

To our many friends, who were our dear wife and mother we are indeed grateful. Words cannot express loving sympathy were during those on each and everyone of you.

J. D. Jones and Children.

#### Gas Companies Are Asking for higher Rates Some Cities

"The gas companies have taken says in a pepared statement.

"The first of the suits was filed which serves Eastland, had lost more came stories of contrasts at the same cash prize of one hundred dollars. than \$12,000 last year and had fallen short of earning its authorized re- velopment of our country. turn by more than \$30,000, attorneys for the company secured from the fed. or eight Hereford heifers or young eral court a temporary order restrain-

> "Similar suits are to be filed perhaps against Cisco, Cameron and other towns where the company alleges the rates are confiscatory. In each instance higher rates are to be used.

"Ordinances providing for higher rates have been introduced at Royse City, Garland, Cameron, Dawson, Henrietta and a number of other cities. Officials of the company announced many other such ordinances are been severely reduced and in other places where the company is losing money."

In addressing a number of city councils, Mr. May has called attention attend. Visitors wel- to the fact that the company's service was being jeopardized and that it had lost a large volume of business through the competitionl of cheap fuel oli supplied to industries, as well as a constant reduction in the number of domestic meters.

## The 20 Millionth Ford

The twenty-millionth Ford, with 27,089 miles on its speedometer and its sleek sides still shiny after visiting Fed steers of medium to choice 40 state capitals since it rolled off from Merkel to Southwest Texas for moved around \$3.50 to \$4. Fat cows ed in Merkel at 10:23 Thursday mornheifers or yearlings were available. pany to view the sedan of which Hen- section.

The car, accompanied by others containing officials of the Ford Motor company from the Detroit plant Hogs sold steady to 10c higher, the and from the district plant at Dallas, was escorted into the city by a detail \$5.10. Rail hogs moved late, the best of state police and a delegation of stopping at \$5. Receipts reached citizens headed by Mayor Wm. M. Earl Beech are located at Ft. McKav-Elliott. Others in the party greeting in near Menard. the caravan on the highway at the tive of The Mail.

W. W. Haynes, manager of the Merkel Motor company, awaited the visitors on their arrival at Ford local cotton yard and shipment by rail headquarters and welcoming ceremonies were held for C. D. Hilton of Detroit, pursonal representative of Henry Ford, and W. S. Erskine, wholesale manager of the Dallas division. The logbook, which already contains the signatures of forty state Dudley and Munger shipped a car governors and many mayors, was sign ed by Mayor Wm. M. Elliott, Herbert Patterson, cashier of the Farmers State bank, N. A. Dowell, chief of the 1931. fire department, and C: J. Glover, Jr., editor of The Mail.

Among Ford officials here besides those mentioned were J. F. Giles, Jr., assistant wholesale manager of Dal-Dec. 10, 11 and 12, the dates for las; F. L. Yates, service manager; Talls; and E. M. McCance, former Tu- nitely. lane football star, with the sales department at Dallas, State Highway

> The motorcade also visited Anson, day, Nov. 27, beginning at 7:30. The Sweetwater, Bronte, Robert Lee and admission price will be ten cents and San Angelo Thursday.

News of Brother's Death. Mrs. L. A. Watts has received the ad news of the death of her brother, Rev. H. B. Foster, a Metodist minister at Carthage, Mo., on Tuesday, the can Grove contest at Abilene. Anoth-17th. The funeral was to be held er contest is set for Thanksgiving day. Thursday at Carthage.

#### BARGAIN DAYS.

tion price for The Merkel Mail in Farm News and the Merkel Mail is so kind an i tender in their ministra- Taylor and adjoining counties is only only \$1.50. Don't fail to renew during tions during the illness and death of \$1.00 per year. This will save you 50 this time. If you want to subscribe to cents, if you will renew your subscrip- the Semi-Weekly Farm News, you tien during these three months. If can save one dollar by this deal. how helpful your thoughtful acts and you are in arrears, you can pay up the past year and extend a new year at sal hours and we pray God's blessing the bargain offer of \$1.00 per year. afternoon we will sell six yards Do it now. Offer positively expires of good grade domestic for 25

#### Open House at Butman Ranch for Aviators

(By Mrs. Tommy Russom.) Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr., the offensive in the fight over gas held open house Thursday in honor of rates with the filing of a number of the latter's nephew, 1st. Lieut. R. G. suits in federal court and the intro- Vaughan, and friends, Jimmie Deming duction of ordinances asking increas- and Eddie Peyatt, of Tucson, Ariz.

There were 32 present.

time viewing the prosperity and de- Complete details may be obtained

Butman Ranch, created considerable qualify. A trademark may be a mark, interest. Little, big, old and young en- a device, a symbol, phrase, slogan ing Eastland from interfering with joyed sight-seein; rides, the younger or a combination of any two or more the establishment of an adequate more eager to ride than the older. This of these. The entries must be sent to be their mode of travel. It may be of 15, 1932. Any person may submit as interest to know the attitude taken by many entries as he desires, but each ing the plane as handed his walking address. was moving."

er events of interest horses were made ers, Midland, secretary. ready for a ride through the mountains which was highly enjoyed by the

The list of guests included the ligutenant's mother, Mrs. S. G. Vaughan of South Gate, Calif., his aunt, Miss Dota Garoutte, Miss Ada May Reneau of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Latimer and son and Uncle Charlie Brown of Sweetwater.

#### Visits Merkel Thursday Merkel Hunters Take Off to Deer Country

Three hunting parties have gone

In one party was City Marsal P.

Leaving Tuesday were County Commissioner P. A. Diltz, A. R. Booth and J. M. Williamson and they were joined Wednesday by Booth Warren and T. G. Bragg. They are camped near Mason also.

Brooks Patterson, Ed Turner and

## Next Luncheon Dec. 1

Out of deference to Mrs. Frank McFarland, hostess for the Lions club, whose father, Uncle Bill Sheppard, died on Monday morning, the meeting of the Lions club, scheduled for Tuesday, was postponed.

The next meeting will be the first Tuesday in December, the first day of

Record of Births. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pierce, Goodman, Thursday, November 12,

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Moore, Sunday, November 15, 1931. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tarpley, Noodle, Wednesday, November

18, 1931. Postponed Indefinitely. The meeting of the Salt Branch

approaching. The place will be an picture man; S. Goodspeed, operator Demonstration club, which was schedof the show; Lindsey Hawkins, zone uled for Friday, Nov. 20, at Jess Hig-The prize list is about ready and it manager in this territory; W. N. gins and which was to feature meat Johnson, zone manager at Wichita canning, has been postponed indefi-

> Negro Minstrel at Blair. A negro minstrel to be put on by given at the Blair schoolhouse on Fri-

the public is urged to come and enjoy the fun. Merkel Man Winner. W. F. Golladay won the prize of 25

pounds of pecans in the Shirley Pe-

#### BOTH FOR \$1.50.

From now until December 31st, the From now until Dec. 31st, subscrip- clubbing price for the Semi-Weekly

> From 2 till 3 o'clock Saturday cents. Brown's Bargain Store.

#### Contest Announced For Best Trademark For Texas Fed Meats

Stamford, Nov. 19.-Citizens of Merkel are invited to put their thinking caps on, maybe win one hundred dollars, and do a great service to Texes," Chester L. May, vice-president of A turkey dinner with "fixins" was as. The West Texas Chamber of Comthe Community Natural Gas company, the beginning of a perfect afternoon. merce has announced a contest to select a tradmark for Texas fed meats.

Old hearts were made to beat hard To the man, woman, or child who in United States district court at at seeing an airplane sail over the suggests the best trademark for Tex-Abilene Nov. 2," he stated, "and was ground over which had passed the ox as fed meats, which will be used to directed at the city council of East- cart, the covered wagon, the then lux- identify such meats and popularize land, which had passed a rate re- urious two-seated buggy, horse back their use and demand at markets, duction ordinance. Claiming that the riders and other slow means of travel. cafes, and hotels, the West Texas Community Natural Gas company, With the appearance of the plane Chamber of Commerce is offering a

from the West Texas chamber of com-This plane, being the first to visit merce, Stamford, but anybody may mans perhaps that by the time they the Stamford office of the West Texare men and women the airplane will as chamber not later than January Uncle Jim Blackburn, age 88, before must be on a separate piece of paper and after his rile. Just before enter- and bearing the contestant's name and

cane to another pioneer saying "Here Three judges yet to be named will you take this and if I never come back pick the winner. The contest originayou can keep it." He entered the plane ted with the livestock committee of the undecidedly but after a real joy ride West Texas Chamber, which is workhe stepped out laughing and exclaim- ing for increased consumption of Texto be offered in cities where rates have ed, "Shoot, you couldn't tell the thing as meats in Texas, and the promoting of feeding Texas livestock in Texas. Aviators and cowboys exchanged John M. Gist of Odessa is chairman favors. After airplane rides and oth- of the committee, and Paul T. Vick-

#### County Women Sponsor Club Rally Thursday

means for retaining the services of and Spanish. the farm and home demonstration agents in Taylor county, Mrs. John E. Taylor for the committee has asked The Mail to print the following:

"The rural people of Taylor county are in distress about the loss of the agents. Will you meet us Thursday hall at Abilene to discuss ways and will be a calamity to us."

Mail office.

## New Local Manager

W. S. Dickerson, new local mana-

Mr. Dickerson is no stranger here, for each man. having bought the right-of-way for been with the utilities company for the past five years, the last two years entered by prying open a screen in at Munday as manager.

He and his family have taken residence on Oak street.

#### Texas Girl to Sing For Paramount Films

Hollywood, Nov. 19 .- A little Texas high school girl who tramped the long road between Hollywood casting offices has found the proverbial pot of gold after the rainbow had faded.

She is Florine McKinney, 18, of Fort Worth, who has been signed to a long term contract by Paramount studios.

Last May, just a month before she was scheduled to graduate from high school, the lure of Hollywood became too strong and Miss McKinney came here, bringing little except a soprano voice and dauntless ambition.

Musical pictures were "out," and, after weeks of fruitless interviews, she returned to Fort Worth to continue her school work. Last week Paramount decided musical pictures were "in" again and wired Miss Mc-Kinney an offer. Her name is now on the dotted line.

She is a trained singer and has will unite. In issuing the call for a mass meet- given numerous concerts in Texas, ing of those interested in providing singing in English, French, German at the Methodist church on Thanks-

#### BARGAIN DAYS.

Taylor and adjoining counties is only ence \$1.00 per year. This will save you 50 afternoon, Nov. 19, at 2:30 in the city cents, if you will renew your subscription during these three months. If means of keeping them. To lose them 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. Adding machine rolls at Merkel Do it now. Offer positively expires December 31st.

#### City Night Watchman For Utilities on Job On Job Early Thursday

Complaints charging burglary were ger for the West Texas Utilities com- filed in Justice of Peace Wheeler's pany, has assumed his duties and is court Thursday morning against C. P. being given a cordial welcome by the Bennett and Raymond Smith, giving business men and entire citizenship their address as Texas City, following of Merkel. He succeeds Mat Dilling- their arrest at an early hour Thursham, who was transferred to Mun- day morning by Night Watchman J. E. Tucker. Bond was fixed at \$500

The officer surprised the men in the transmission line of the com- the alley in the rear of the Merkel pany through this county. He has Motor company, he told a representative of The Mail. The garage had been the rear of the premises and the lock clasp had been prized off the door. Four casings and tubes were alleged to have been removed from the Merkel Motor company and some cash was also taken from the cash draw-

Without assistance, Tucker carried the men to the city hall and called Virgil Hassey. The latter summoned Bill Haynes, manager of the Merkel Motor company, and Deputy Constable W. R. Sumpter. The men were kept in the city hall the remainder of the night until arraigned before Judge Wheeler Thursday morning. Failing to make bond, they were carried to Abilene by Merkel officers.

The safe of the Clay Lumber company was also burglarized sometime during Wednesday night and about ten dollars removed. The officers have filed no complaints in this case.

#### Merkel to Unite in Thanksgiving Service

Plans are being completed for Merkel's annual Thanksgiving service in which all of the churches of the city

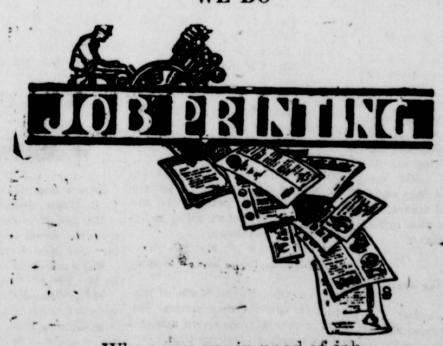
The service this year will be held giving (Thursday) evening, the sermon to be preached by Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the Methodist church, From now until Dec. 31st, subscrip- who has been returned to the Merkel tion price for The Merkel Mail in church for another year by confer-

> Musical features and other details of the program will be announced in next week's issue of The Mail.

Thirty-seven London night clubs have closed within a month.

The Trojan War was the greatest event of the first age in history.

## LEST YOU FORGET



When you are in need of job work, think twice before you send it out of town. If you will have the Merkel Mail do your work, you will get some of this money back.

THIS IS SOMETHING FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT

PHONE 61 THE MERKEL MAIL

## Rural Community Correspondence

#### TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

J. L. Nalley, who has been ill for the past ten days is reported very much improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Harris and little daughter, Billie Sue, are guests of their grandmother, Mrs. Mollie Winn. They are returning to their home from an extended visit in Mississippi.

Mrs. J. C. Roberts carried her daughter, Gladys Alice, to a Dallas hospital Sunday to go through a clin-

Messrs. Hubert Beckham of Lamesa and C. Whitfield of Roswell, N. M., are guests in the C. T. Beckham home.

Abilene visitors in our city Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pass and little daughter, Miss Alice Bigham, Helen Bright, Fannie Vessel, Helen Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howell and daughter, Betty Lou.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Franks were week-end guests of relatives in Sweet- Miss Shepherd and the hostess.

Miss Magdalene Payne, who is SPANISH CLUB. teacher again this term at Oplin, was home for the week-end.

ments of the marriage of Miss Pearl given: Martin of Temple to Wiliam F. Lewallen of Houston on the twelfth.

Miss Imo Gene Mangum attended the home-coming of McMurry college and visited with friends there.

Edwards returned Monday from a Helen Bright. pleasant visit with relatives at Ver-

Miss Zada Lee Akins of Cross

Mrs. Joe English and children of Rev. J. B. Hibbert moved to Sul-Lamesa were recent guests of her par- phur Springs Wednesday where he H. Frice and son, Woodrow, have gone ents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McLeod, and was transferred for another year in to Levelland where they have accepother relatives.

Bowers hunted deer and turkey the and Mrs. G. W. Whiteaker. first of the week near Del Rio.

Mrs. Lena Mays returned to her Merkel Sunday. home at Fort Worth Monday after a Mrs. G. F. Rogers entertained with pleasant visit of a week with her sis- a "42" party last Wednesday night. ter, Mrs. A. W. Wood. She was ac- All report a very enjoyable evening. companied home by her mother, Mrs. W. G. Oliver and sons visit-Pomroy, who plans to visit with her ed Miss Pollie Oliver in Abilene Sunfor several weeks.

Mr and Mrs J E Charles Bowers and daughter, Miss at Colorado Sunday.

Rev. John Reynolds of Abilene would It was located Monday morning on preach at the 11 o'clock hour at the the Wingate road, burned up. Baptist church Sunday.

CHURCH OF CHRIST. L. E. Carpenter, Minister.

worship 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer evening. meeting Tuesday 7 p. m. Ladies Bible class Thursday 3 p. m. Come and hear the old Jerusalem gospel in sermon and song.

#### High School News.

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY HON-ORED AT DINNER.

An Armistice dinner was given by the Home Economic class to honor the High School teachers.

The dining room and tables were beautifully decorated in colors of red, white and blue. White chrysanthemrums made a colorful setting for the stable and the Armistice motif was carried out by poppies and flags which served as place cards and favors.

The color scheme was also reflected in the four course dinner.

CAN YOU IMAGINE-

Asha, Erma Faye staying home one night this week?

Mr. Elliott wearing a smile? Joe Ella getting a call from Merkel

Sunday night and Friday night? Mr. Jenkins taking short steps? Sally a normal size?

Sarah Julia's hair waved?

JOKES.

Asha: "What makes you so cold? You aren't a bit like other boys I've

Kenneth: "That's just it. I am different. I would rather have you lovlove me for loving you."

Glyn: "I'm going to take my hat and go unlesss you give me a kiss." Faye: "Take it."

SOPHOMORE PLAY.

On Nov. 11, "A Poor Rich Man" was presented by the 9th grade of Trent High school.

The cast of characters was: Mary, clerk in shop, Joe Ella Me-

John, "Poor Rich Man," John Ham-

Mrs. Bonzello, Asha McLeod.

Mrs. Johnes, Willie Orand. Mrs. Haggarton, Thelma Nalley. Mrs. Olesan, Veda Orand. Nurse, Helen Bright.

Rita Hopkins, Mildred Steadman. Mrs. McSheenie, Willie Orand. Dorothy Propps, Thelma Nalley.

HOME EC. CLUB. The club met Wednesday, Nov. 11, and had an interesting program, directed by our hostess, Mildred Stead-

After the program, delicious rescheme was carried out with red and white. Those attending the club were: Hogue, Asha McLeod, Joe Ella Mc-Leod, Edith Hale, Victorine Bishop, Sarah Julia Johnson, Miss Burgess,

The Spanish club met on Monday. Nov. 16. After the secretary read the Friends have received announce- minutes, the following program was

"Life of Blasco Ibanez," John Ham-

Jokes, Johnnie Terry.

Song of "America," Sarah Julia Johnson and Sallie Freeman.

Mrs. J. Gafford and Mrs. Buster The new program was read by

#### DORA DOINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock last week. Wednesday and Thursday when we On her return home last Sunday she had the best market of the week, with was accompanied by them as far as quite a few left for the Christmas friends in Abilene for a few days. market.

Mrs. J. B. Winn visited her parents Misses Modenia and Novis Whiteaker of Castle Peak school spent the Messrs. T. G. Hamner and J. E. week-end here with home folks, Mr.

Ed Elliott and family visited in

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dunagin were their guests on Armistice Day Mrs. among the ones attending the singing

made a business trip to Clyde Friday. John P. Dudley and family were Bible study 10 a. m. Preaching and West homes Saturday afternoon and visitors at the Lige Pruitt and H.

#### CANYON NEWS

I. X. L. school started Monday, Nov. 9, with Mr. Howell of Abilene prin. Mrs. Sam Phillips. cipal; Miss Jewel Burklow of Dora, Russell of Merkel, primary.

Butman School started a week earprincipal, and Miss Laura Wanace of day. Dora, primary.

The people of Butman met last Friday night at the school house to or- visit to the Plains. ganize a Litrary Society club and will give a program twice a month.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Griggs and son, Billy Wayne of Dora, are spending a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry, before going to Tyler to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews were alsovisitors in this home Monday

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks of Butman entertained with a musical Saturday night. A large crowd attended and all report a very nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Matthews of Butman visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. Alma Matthews of Caps recent-

We were reminded again Sunday that in the midst of life there is death, e: when Mrs. J. D. Jones, who has been eriously ill for several months, passed away at her daughter's home at Putnam. We regret very much to hear ing me for not loving you than not of Mrs. Jones' death and extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

> From 2 till 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon we will sell six yards of good grade domestic for 25 cents. Brown's Bargain Store.

Typewriting and carbon paper at

Mail want ads pay dividends. Advertise in the Merkel Mail.

#### BLAIR ITEMS

This fall has been almost an ideal one and, as a consequence, many farmers are through gathering cotton, with practically all the grain in the ed the birthday dinner in honor of tinued. ground. We will have lots of pastur- Mrs. Susie Doan at Blair on Novemage in just a few days.

home the latter part of the week af- the dining room where a colorful ter spending several days in our midst luncheon was served, with a big white James Brown, Charlie Hutcherson. on business matters.

Wednesday morning by the 8th grade. and family of Oklahoma are enjoying fifth birthday anniversary. The cele-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears. The Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and freshments were served. The color latter also enjoyed shaking hands family of Roscoe, Mr. and Mrs. Roy with their son, J. P. Spears, who came en route to Valera, Texas.

family had the pleasure of entertain- and Mrs. V. L. Doan and family, Mr. ing Mrs. Lattimer's brother and fam- and Mrs. Carl Doan and family, Mr. ily of Big Spring Saturday night, and Mrs. R. M. Doan of Blair. They left for Arizona Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Spurgin Scott and children of Trent attended services at the Baptist church Sunday and dined Mrs. R. B. Horton and family; and in the home of their sister, Mr. and

daughter, Mrs. Maggie Hunter, over Lee Jacobs, Miss Mabel Scott, Trent, the week-end. Mrs. Hunter just moved Mr. and Mrs. Silas Scott and family into our midst recently and we are and Miss Viola Dulin, Rotan, Mrs. more than glad to have her and her Pearl Sandefer and children, Tuscola,

lone, Will Campbell and Carl Doan Louise Addison and Jewell Moore. and little daughter, Maxine, enjoy-Plains was a guest in the home of The turkey crop moved rapidly ed a day's outing at Abilene one day daughter, Mrs. May Horton, to her

Mrs. Boyce Ballew is visiting with

O. W. Walker and son, Oscar Bennett, left for the Plains recently. H. ted employment.

Mrs. Leon Toombs and little son, Leon, Jr., spent a pleasant week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Demere, of the Canyon. Messrs. Carl Doan, R. B. Horton

and Etsel Farmer made a flying trip to Clyde on business and visited the former's brother, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Doan, Saturday and Sunday.

Complimentary to Master Willie Joe Hunter, he and his grandfather, Tom Lackey, and his uncle, Irvin Lackey, of Merkel, are enjoying a hunting trip to Kerr county for several days.

Rev. Walter Liverman of Abilene A. D. Cross had the misfortune of delivered an interesting sermon at the The announcement is made that having his car stolen Sunday night. Baptist church Sunday morning and he preached to the young people Sunday night on "We Will Not Shun Res-Douglass Jones and Leonard Perry ponsibilities." Brother Liverman being a young man, just nineteen years old, his sermons were enjoyed by all who heard him.

Pat Addison left Monday for San Angelo on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Phillips and family of Itaan came over by automobile and spent a pleasant day recently with their parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Bill Sandusky and son, Billie, intermediate, and Miss Nina Belle and little daughter, Nellie Fay, of Castle Peak and Mrs. Theodora Smith and children of Merkel visited lier with Miss Inez Ceby of Abilene, Mrs. Ellworth Bell and family Satur-

Vernon Clinton and Waine Haywood left Monday for an extended

#### WARREN NEWS

Robert Sumpter of Merkel visited T. B. Hobbs recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ward of Anson were the recent interesting guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roye Clark.

Raymond Brewer of Noodle visited Mr. Brewer Sunday. Willie Chancey and Ira Cross have

returned home from Lamesa. Miss Lena Webb of Merkel was the

recent guest of Misses Clara and Edna Mae Marshall. J. F. Dunnam made a business trip

to Winters Wednesday. Emmett Tyner of Goodman spent Saturday night with Woodard Brew-

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whittman visi-

ted Mr. W. R. Sumpter of Merkel Sun. day afternoon.

Gasten Hollis is attending school Mrs. Brooks Patterson and daugh-

ter, Mrs. Earl Beech, visited Mrs. C. L. Baker Monday.

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#### RURAL SOCIETY

DOANS HOLD HOME-COMING. ber 8. The climax of the affair came S. F. King of Dallas left for his when the honoree was ushered into cake topped with sixty-five pink The next play will be presented Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Davenport candles, marking Mrs. Doan's sixtyseveral days stay with their parents, bration was held in the home of Mr. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton, and other and Mrs. Hugh Campbell of Blair and Mrs. Doan's ten children were all Mr. and Mrs. Chalmer Patterson present. They were: Mr. and Mrs. and family of Lubbock motored over Claude Doan and children of Clyde, to spend the week-end with their par- Mrs. May Horton and two sons of Doan and family of Rotan, Mr. and down on the Santa Fe from the Plains Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Hurman Doan and family, Mr. and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Lattimer and Mrs. A. T. Farmer and family, Mr.

> Other relatives present were: Mrs. Linnie Clokes of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and family, Mr. and friends who attended the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Jess Scott and son, Mrs. Tom Lackey visited her J. P., and granddaughter, Dorothy two charming children as neighbors. Henry Stubbs, Roscoe, Little Misses

> > The honoree accompanied her the parents.

Carswell, secretary of the Abilene The patrons of the school are cor- Do it now. Offer positively expires chamber of commerce, was made to dially invited to attend the first P. T. the members. Those present were: A. meeting at the school building, Mesdames Bob Malone, president, J. Thursday night, November 19. D. Rankin, Will Campbell, Carl Doan, The singing at Compere was well Mail office

canning and how to cure pork, the new songs.

BLAIR GIRL AND FORMER

BLAIR BOY MARRY. Odis Pribble and Miss Imo Jessie ris, of Hodges. Clinton were united in marriage on Mrs. A. W. Clemmer was shopping October 26 at Portales, N. M., by a in Abilene one day last week. Mrs. George Clinton of Blair and one good price. of the most popular young ladies of this community. We hope much hap- home after spending two weeks with piness is in store for her with this her sister, Mrs. Bill Childers, of Big

Mr. Pribble is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Pribble of New Mexico and the groom is to be congratulated on George Smith last Thursday night. picking this fine young lady for a

The many friends of this young night. couple are sorry to lose them from years of joy and happiness together. They are making their rome for the last Sunday afternoon. present in New Mexico.

#### COMPERE NEWS

The Compere school opened Monday, November 9, with a full enrollment. Much enthusiasm was shown by the Walker. They have a host of friends presence of a large number of par- who are wishing them a long and prosents and several visitors. Among the perous life. They will make their visitors present were Mr. and Mrs. home on the Lee Stanley farm at Mesdames Mark Malone, Bob Ma- Madaline Addison, Evelyn Latimer, Cadmus Brown of Sylvester. Interest- Compere. ing talks were made by a majority of

The faculty for the present term inhome in Dallas for an extended visit. cludes: J. M. Taylor, principal; Mrs. tion price for The Merkel Mail in J. M. Taylor, intermediate teacher, Taylor and adjoining counties is only BLAIR 4-H ADULT MEETS. and Mrs. M. K. Milner as primary \$1.00 per year. This will save you 50 Miss Caroline Chambers, home teacher. The teachers appreciate the demonstration agent, met with the hearty interest and cooperation tion during these three months. If Blair 4-H club on November 4. The shown by the community and are endemonstration was on rug making, deavoring to make this one of Com-An interesting talk by Mr. T. N. pere's most successful school years. the bargain offer of \$1.00 per year.

Mark Malone and Jim Maddera. The attended last Sunday night. Everyone next demonstration will be on beef is invited to come and help sing the

date to be the first Wednesday in De- Cotton picking is almost finished Approximately seventy-five attend- cember, if the extension work is con- now. Quite a bit of grain has been sown already and more are planning

to sow in the near future. Mrs. J. H. Palmer spent last Thursda with her mother, Mrs. W. L. Har-

minister of the Church of Christ. Mrs. | Messrs. Jake and Wesley Rister sold Pribble is the daughter of Mr. and a load of fine turkeys recently at a

Mrs. R. S. Palmer has returned fine young man she has chosen for a Spring. Mrs. Childers underwent an operation and we are glad to report her doing nicely.

> Miss Foy Wilburn visited Mrs. Rev. Mr. Robertson of Lubbock preached at Zion Chapel Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor and our midst, but wish them many long Mrs. M. K. Milner were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Spurgin

Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ramsey and family Sunday.

Sunday morning, November 15, Mr. Howard Smith and Miss Lila Adkins motored to Abilene where they were united in marriage by Rev. John

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#### THE BADGER WEEKLY

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Assistant Sports Editor-Ross Ferrier. Joke Editor-Cephas Wozencraft.

THE SENIORS.

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The Seniors are looking forward to two things: the Thanksgiving holidays and the arrival of their rings.

During the Physical Education period Monday the girls of the Senior class organized two baseball teams with Nell Durham and Lona Bryan as captains. Watch for the results of the games that we play.

CAN YOU IMAGINE?

Nell Durham with long hair and fussing over perfumes and lipstick? H. C. Toombs coming to history class with a prepared lesson?

Ola Smith not "dressed up?" Paul Collins in love? Jack Stanford being anything but

an optimist?

Walderine Huskey not studying? Seniors girls being serious about "physicial ed?"

The Juniors not making noise? Helen Yeats being fastidious? Rogene without Caribel and Annie Lee?

Gerald Derrick not playing baseball at noon? B. P. not being Dramatic Club presi-

dent? The M. H. S. chorus mixed quartette not singing "Goin' Home?"

Margaret Miller being able to sing? Zada with blond, straight hair? H. C. Toombs being smart? Ross Ferrier keeping quiet during

one whole period? Mr. Burgess giving an easy test in

"Sis" Boaz weighing two hundred pounds?

Having American history class one day without Gerald Derrick making a wise-crack?

"Neta" Bell making ninety in civ-

Gordon Murray beating Cade in a foot race? Mr. Irvin being handsome?

HAPPENINGS IN M. H. S.

Gerald Derrick likes to have his name in the paper.

Ida translates Spanish by talking to B. P.

M. E. got a letter from Spain. The depression is over-Nelle has some new clothes. School turned out Nov. 11, because

that was David's brithday. Sis gets tickled when she makes forty-seven on history exams.

It wen't be long now until the football banquet.

Merkel Badgers play Blackwell Friday, Nov. 20. The Seniors will be getting their

rings in about two weeks. plane Sunday.

Dramatic club party last Friday.

"Sis" and "Red" can't learn any history because they talk all the per- this one with Blackwell. It is with

David, and David told "Baby" to be expecting a good crowd for our last careful or he would hurt himself. The Pep Squad paraded in town be-

fore the game last Friday. Coach Irvin isn't going to come to the Dramatic club parties any more if he has to make speeches.

A quartette from Dallas entertained in chapel last Friday.

Thelma and M. E. like to hear people sing tenor. B. P. likes to read magazines in

As Margaret dusted the dust off her desk after the sandstorm, she wrote

love letters in the sand. Julia, I have heard, is generally

known as "Tuffy."

Paul Collins thinks he is a very

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SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE-

know his American history."

the girls.

About so many people's "getting up in the air."

About teachers' giving such hard

About people's singing opera numbers in chapel.

About football boys' staying out so

late at night. About Nell Durham's studying so

About the great financial depres-

Miss Martin: "Why are you late?" Jimmy Junior: "Class started before I got here."

Mr. Riddle: "All right everyone pay attention to the discussion."

"Sis" Boaz: "I'm so tickled I can't." Ross Ferrier: "You should learn to control your emotions."

Mr. Irvin: "Good morning, Marie How are you."

Marie: "Not so good, Mr. Irvin. I guess I have the clothing fever." Mr. Irvin: "Clothing fever? What

do you mean?" Marie: "Well, my tongue has a coat on it, and my breath comes in short

Gerald: "Do you like simple Margaret: "Are you proposing?"

H. C. Toombs (to Sunday School teacher): "Yes, teacher, I've repen-

Teacher: "That's good; and who is

responsible for your repenting?" H. C.: "Gerald is." Teacher: "How is that?"

H. C.: "Well, you see, he loaned !! me the dollar."

Teacher: "But what does that have to do with it?"

H. C.: "Well, I never would have gone up in that airplane if he hadn't loaned me that dollar."

FOOTBALL NEWS.

Merkel Badgers will meet the Blackwell team on the local field Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. We are still Toombs, H. C., went up in the air- backing the Badgers, winning or losing. The last two games we have had Everyone had a good time at the at home look as if our home town is still backing the Badgers with us, Margaret C. says Gerald is a big because we have had a good showing at the games.

We only have one more game after Rotan at Rotan. The game is to be "Baby" Mashburn tried to whip played on Thanksgiving Day. We are two games; so please do not disappoint us. Come and bring your family. Buy your tickets while they are

Our game Friday was a good one, although our Badgers were defeated a few points. Everyone of the boys did his part. The game was a little rough, but the Badgers stayed with 'em until the last whistle.



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#### SOPHOMORE NEWS. White Church News

When report cards are made out-And students get migh scores-Who makes them? None other than the Sophomores!

DRAMATIC CLUB NEWS.

The second meeting of the Dramatic club was held Friday, Nov. 13. The studio was decorated with autumn leaves and flowers. The program that was given was: A talk on 'Famous ing "Sis" Boaz; piano solo, Margar- businesss in Abilene Saturday. et Miller; and a song by six girls, Thelma Leach, M. E. Grimes, Ida About Marshall Stalls' flirting with and Duncan Briggs. A few games Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Demere.

were played. A one act play, "The Flattering Word," by Lord Bryan, was presented. Lona Bryan, R. D. Ely, Imogene Middleton, Elmer Adcock and Lucille

Campbell portrayed the characters.

The hosts and hostesses were Thelma Leach, Ruth Calloway, Lona Bry-About Jim Patterson's being so an, Ola Smith, Elmer Adcock, Albert Cade, R. D. Ely and Monta Moore. Several guests and many members last week. were present.

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When a new \$250,000 hospital was opened recently at Sutton, England, it was announced that the institution had the unique distinction of being entirely free from debt.

Our school opened Monday morning with a fine attendance and our same teachers for the year, Misses Mary Dean Baucum and Irene Chaney of Abilene. We are looking forward to a good school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Chalmer Patterson of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson Sunday.

Mrs. B. D. Pressly and little daugh. Actresses," Mildred Richardson; read- daughter, Miss Alice, attended to mayor and chairman of the citizens'

Mrs. Leon Toombs and little son, Leon, of Blair have been visiting in Derstine, Ola Smith, Marie Stanford the home of Mrs. Toombs' parents, Mrs. Cliff Perry of Dora is visit-

> ing her mother, Mrs. H. Perry. Henry Patterson and Miss Burnes of Cisco visited in the A. D. Barnes home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Oddie Latimer of Nubia attended services here Sunday. Elbia, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Frazier, is doing nicely after an operation at an Abilene hospital

Clyde Latimer of Nubia made a fine talk last Sunday after Sunday School.

D. D. Coats is to lead prayer meeting Sunday night.

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Second sheets at Merkel Mail of-

#### Million Dollar Fund To Reopen Bank at El Paso is Oversubscribed

El Paso, Nov. 19 .- The drive for the million-dollar fund required for the reopening of the First National bank of this city has resulted in the fund's being oversubscribed by \$19,-000, according to an announcement ter, Jean, and Mrs. O. W. Reed and made Tuesday by A. R. Poe, former committee.

> The success of the drive has restored confidence in business as no other event in El Paso has done, according to city officials and business

ness about the first of the year, according to present plans.

Under the plan for the reopening, depositors with more than \$500 on the books will agree to having 30 per cent of their deposits set aside to clear up certain liabilities of the bank, the money to be refunded to the depositors later. Deposits of less than \$500 will be available to the depositors immediately after the bank opens. The remaining 70 per cent of the large deposits will be available over an 18-month period.

There are 10,500 deposits of less than \$500 and their release will make available \$950,000.

The new bank will have a capital of \$500,000 and a surplus of like amount. There are 976 subscribers to The institution, which closed its the new bank, including individuals, doors Sept. 4, will reopen for busi- civic clubs and other organizations.

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#### **Anderson Trial**

(Continued from Page One.) The state rested at 4:15, except for the matter of the record, and character witnesses, many of them pioneer Taylor county residents, were called ledger than it did before? in this order: H. M. Rainbolt, Merkel; T. C. Weir, Abilene; R. A. Walker, pastor of the Merkel Presbyterian church; L. R. Thompson, Abilene, county auditor and former cashier of a competitive Merkel bank; D. O. Huddleston, W. H. Frazier, Merkel; F. Blackburn, Mulberry canyon; W. R. Keeble, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National bank of Abilene. ber?

After the matter of the record was gone into, the defense introduced W. A. Minter, J. W. Wagstaff, Thomas

Jurors are B. R. Blankenship, O. Muston, J. D. Judson, Ray Leverett, Bert Frazier, J. C. Casey, C. J. Mills, J. B. Lovett, J. L. Lowe and W. D. Hopkins.

firm of Scarborough, Ely and King. hand column of the ledger.)

W. J. Cunningham of 104th district, is assisting Mr. Black, in whose disill at that time.

Testimony was to be resumed at 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

Upon his return to the stand, Diltz A. It was posted. It just was not identified a ledger sheet of the Thurs- carried forward. same date. He said the deposit slip chine and carries the balance onwas in Anderson's handwriting.

Questions by Scarborugh: \$160."

- A. It was transferred, it seems. Q. That is all it amounts to?
- By Black: Does that record show
- the \$160 in the balance?

- the balance was increased any. made, the balance was \$1.18?
- Q. That club didn't have any more after that \$160 was entered on the
- A. No, sir. Q. How long did R. O. Anderson
- work after July 11?
- A. Until September 23, 1911. Q. That deposit slip is made out
- in his handwriting? Q. That could have been made any-
- time between July 11 and Septem-
- A. Yes, it could have, but it was with that day's work.
- By Scarborough: The fact that O. Massey, Sheriff Burl Wheeler and this balance was not carried forward Charles Russell as character witness- means that the bookkeeper that posted it, did not carry it over, doesn't it?
- A. I don't know what that means. George McCann, L. H. Hollowell, H. I don't know who carried it over, or anything about that. It did not in-
- Q. The customary way to do is to carry the balance on out here, isn't it? Anderson is represented by the (Scarborough indicated the right
- Q. And if it isn't carried out there, trict the case arose. It was transfer- it is just an oversight on the part red to 104th court when called here of the keeper of the records-that The defendant was doesn't keep a man from having the \$160 to his credit?
  - A. No, sir.
  - Q. It just was not posted?
- day club, showing a deposit entry of By Black: I believe you testified \$160 on July 11, 1931, and a deposit that in the usual course of business, slip for that amount to the regular a deposit slip is filed and the bookaccount of the Thursday club on the keeper makes the entry on the ma
  - has it in the balance? A. Yes. "The effect of this transaction then | Q. Can any man in the employ of
- was to transfer from the special ac- the bank, you, R. O. Anderson or count to the regular account this anyone else pull out one of these slips and run on there "July 11, 1931, \$160?
  - A. Yes, it could be done.
  - Q. It could be done in September, couldn't it?
  - A. Yes.
- A. No. sir, It does not show that Q. State whether or not you found

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- Q. In other words, before that was filed away in Mr. Anderson's desk banking business, if it is correctly month? defense cousel that the question apply have been carried forward and the only to the account in question sus- balance would have been \$161.18, don't
  - A. I didn't find any regarding this account.
  - By Scarborough: Mr. Diltz, some felolw could not go and put this deposit slip in there after the daily
  - balance, could he? A. Well, it is hardly probable without it had been changed and switched ures made. in the files. That's the only way it
  - could be done. Q. R. O. Anderson hadn't had access to this thing since they canned
  - nim, September 23? A. No, sir. Scarborough in later questioning asked: If you had gone back to your ledger sheet and the Thursday club had drawn a check for thsi balance
  - have paid their check for \$161.18? A. Yes, I would have run up this credit and seen it wasn't brought
  - ing this record failed to carry forward | you?
  - the deposit of \$160 in his balance? A. It isn't in there. Q. In other words, R. O. Anderson
  - didn't get a dollar of that money? A. That's the record. Q. Every dollar of that money
  - went to the Thursday club's regular account? A. Yes. By Cunningham: Was the entry
  - made during regular banking busi-A. I don't know.
  - Q. You don't know when it was made, do you?
  - A. Sure not.

- any of those ledger sheets pulled and | Q. You know that according to the are audited and balanced twice that belonged to the bank. (Request of conducted that the amount would
  - A. Yes.
  - Q. State whether or not you can say if there have been any changes made here with refernce to entries and erasures.
  - A. Yes, there have been some eras- cash fund?

  - made any time, couldn't it? A. It is possible.
  - 11, 1931, and for \$160-you are of the control sheet. simply going by what you see there -you don't know when it was made? | books? A. Sure not.
  - Q. Is there any other instance on this record here where a mistake
- of \$1.18 plus the \$160, you would of that kind appears? A. No, sir.
- slip had been made on July 11, as only \$1.50. Don't fail to renew during this credit indicates here, it would this time. If you want to subscribe to Q. The whole thing about this whole have been an obligation of the bank the Semi-Weekly Farm News, you record is that the bookkeeper in mak- and you would have paid it, wouldn't can save one dollar by this deal.
  - A. I would have had to, if they had produced a duplicate of that.
  - Q. Basing your statement on these records and this being all that you have, your testimony is that R. O. Anderson didn't get this money, but it went from the Thursday club's special account to its regular ac-
  - A. That is the record.
  - By Cunningham: Are your bank books correctly kept?
  - A. They are run twice a month and they were correctly kept at that
  - time. I saw that they were. By Black: You state your books

- showed \$1.18?
- were in balance. O. If this special account shows no balance' and the fund shows a
- A. That book is not balanced against Q. That deposit slip could have been the cash. It is balanced by the con-

  - Q. It wouldn't balance with your

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- Q. When they were audited they A. I didn't run them because they
- balance of \$1.18 then the only way your books and cash would balance would have been for some one to have extracted that \$160 from the
- trol sheet. If that deposit slip had gone in and the balance not gone for-Q. The fact that it is dated July ward, the balance would be \$160 short

  - A. No, sir.

From now until December 31st, the

#### More Than an Inch Rainfall on Monday

This section of West Texas enjoyed highly beneficial rains Monday and Monday night, the precipitation in Merkel being gauged at 1 1-8 inches, This, added to the October rainfall of 6.92 inches, brings the total for the two months to over eight inches, a fording a wonderful fall seasoning.

Monday night's rains were especially timely for wheat and pasturage and will be of untold benefits.

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- overheated, don't open the doors and windows . . . turn the gas down. 4. In extremely cold weather, keep the windows and doors closed. Proper ventilation can be obtained by lowering a window slightly from the top.

#### COOKING ...

- 5. Don't light burners on your cook stove until you are ready to use them. Frequently you may light the gas and then be called to the telephone or the door before putting the food on to cook. In this case turn off the gas before leaving the kitchen. Gas is an instant heat and requires no wait
- for maximum temperature. 6. Don't use a large burner when a smaller one will do . . . When boiling point is reached, move container to simmer burner.
- 7. Don't overheat the oven . . . use oven regulator . . . plan oven-cooked meals . . . make the gas you burn yield a maximum of service.

#### WATER HEATING ...

- 8. Don't turn on hot water faucet to wash your hands unless you have the time to wait for the water to run warm or hot. Many people turn on the hot water, and then turn it off again before
- 9. Don't let hot water run to wash or rinse the dishes . . . draw the needed amount in a dish pan and then turn the water off.
- 10. Don't let hot water run over the bottle to warm baby's milk . . . draw water in a stew pan to cover bottle and put over small burner. This is a quicker and more economical method.

The above suggestions are but a few of the many gas - saving methods that can be practiced . . . A little thought on your part will enable you to save a few pennies here and there each day ... and thus reduce your gas bill quite a bit over the month.

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