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### **EAGLES TO MEET LUBBOCK HIGH IN QUARTER-FINALS**

Winners in Week-End Games to Go to Semi-Finals in Texas Interscholastic League; Abilene-Lubbock Game the Headliner.

Dallas, Dec. 10 .- The race for the Texas Interscholastic League football championship which started with 85 in Austin. Class A teams, has dwindled to eight, and this week-end four more will pass into the also-ran class.

tic champions went to the post in bi- since January 1 to \$274,518,052. district competition Friday and Saturday and eight fell from the running when Abilene beat Sweetwater 21 to 6; Austin whipped El Paso 21 to 0; Harlingen dropped Corpus Christi for a 32 to 0 defeat; Fort Worth Central beat Oak Cliff 21 to 7; Greenville eliminated Sherman 20 to 0; Beaumont stopped Houston John Reagan 13 to 12; Lubbock erased Quanah 26 to 0, and Corsicana assured the field a new champion by defeating the Tyler Lions, 1930 champions, 19 to 0.

While two of the favorites failed to win last week, their defeats could not of a proposal to establish a municipal be termed startling upsets. Harlingen's victory over Corpus Christi was not looked for. Beaumont's win from the powerful John Reagan team of ium chloride, commonly known as sal Houston, was a slight jolt.

week was turned in by Lubbock in dis. Fort Worth, will form a group to trict one. Due to a three-way tie at market the product in commercial the conclusion of the regular district quantities. schedule, Lubbock had to play two district and one bi-district game last El Paso was bought at public aucweek. The Westerners beat Pampa tion by R. A. D. Morton, an attorney and Amarillo to win the district representing one of the bondholders, A month ago the estimate was 16,903,crown, caught a train for Quanah and for \$150,000; the fixtures brought 000 bales. Last year's crop totaled 12,-Saturday walloped the Indians 26 to \$25,000. The sales were made to sat- 837,099 bales. 0. The Lubbock "iron men" battle Abi- isfy a judgment of \$792,057. lene this week in a fourth hard game in twelve days.

outstanding favorites of the eight general of Texas, has been named by contenders, were impressive in beating Tyler. Bi-district matches for the of the board of regents of the College end of the week are as follows:

Lubbock (district 1) vs. Abilene (district 3). At Lubbock.

Fort Worth Central (district 5) vs. Greenville (district 8). At Greenville. Corsicana (district 9) vs. Austin (district 12). At Corsicana.

Beaumont (district 14) vs. Harlin-

gen (district 16). At Beaumont. High school critics who have trailed and observed their teams closely this season are predicting that Corsicana, now that it has eliminated Tyler, will find smooth sailing into the finals in the lower of Lubbock, Abilene, Fort Worth Centra! and Greenville, all powerful teams, is a tossup.

has been to the state finals several taxation, Tom F. Hunter, independent pionship. Lubbock's feat of win- brief address Tuesday announced his ning three major games last week candidacy for the democratic guber-

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Hazel Anglin, 8, of Gilmer was killed when an improvised plank merry-go-round on which she was playing broke and hurled her to the

Sam M. Ramsey, about 45, secretary of the state board of control and a former newspaper man from Amarillo, died of heart disease at his home

Texas farmers received \$40,518,082 in cash returns during November, the Dallas News income barometer show-Sixteen respective district scholas- ed Tuesday, bringing the grand total

> Clint D. Lewis, Burleson county sheriff, was convicted Saturday night on a charge of extortion by a jury in district court at Austin and was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

> Closing 50 years of ministry in the Baptist church, Dr. R. C. Pender, 80. field secretary of the Buckner Orphan home and resident of Abilene since 1908, passed away Saturday night at

Wichita Falls expressed themselves in a special election Saturday in favor gas plant, following a lengthy battle to obtain lower gas rates.

A large natural deposit of ammonammoniac, has been discovered in Bor. The most startling football of the den county and G. A. Godfrey, of

The \$1,000,000 Hotel Hussman at

To succeed Richard Kleberg, recen-The Corsicana Tigers, one of the bitt of San Antonio, former attorney Governor Ross Sterling as a member of Arts and Industries at Kingsville.

> The state supreme court Tuesday sustained the will of the late Mrs. Kate Ferguson Morton of Haskell, in which former Governor James E. Ferguson and a brother, Alvah Fertuson, were left only \$100 each from the estate valued at approximately

The San Angelo National bank, which failed to open October 3. will resume business next Monday, contingent upon approval by the comptroller of the currency of the final bracket, but that the upper bracket report of G. I. Witt, national bank examiner, which was mailed to Wash-

ington Saturday. Advocating tax revision to shift 70 The Lubbock and Abilene game per cent of current ad valorem taxes this week is the headliner. Abilene in Texas upon wealth now escaping times and formerly held the cham- oil operator of Wichita Falls, in a Over 200 Birds Placed on Exnatorial nomination in Texas.

## UPON THE PROSPERITY OF YOUR COMMUNITY FARMER'S BACK DOOR REPRESENTS A MARKET FOR \$610 WORTH OF FOOD

### By a vote of 1,491 to 62, citizens of GINNINGS DEC. 1 **OVER 15 MILLIONS**

Government's Estimate of Crop Placed at 16,918,00 Bales, Showing Increase.

Washington, Dec. 10 .- This year's cotton crop was estimated Tuesday by the department of agriculture at 16,-918,000 equivalent 500-round bales. based on conditions existing Dec. 1.

The indicated yield of lint cotton was placed at 200.1 pounds per acre, tly elected congressman, R. L. Bob- compared with 217 pounds last year.

5,270,000 bales.

Cotton of this year's growth ginned prior to Dec. 1 totalled 15,623,451 running bales, including 514,847 round bales, counted as half bales, and 6,826 bales of American-Egyptian.

To Dec. 1 last year 12,837,099 running bales were ginned, including 455,813 round bales and 15,482 bales of American-Egyptian.

Texas ginnings to Dec. 1 this year were 4,693,885 bales.

## DOORS OPEN FOR

hibit at Opening Thursday; More Coops Needed.

More than 200 birds were already were entirely filled. It appeared that more coops would have to be provided. Judging is to start Friday morn-

ing. H. M. Rose of Sweetwater is poultry judge. Besides cash prizes offered by the Merkel Poultry and Rabbit association, the merchants of Merkel have added special prizes totalling

more than \$100 in merchandise. A number of owners have also placmay be obtained without going throug er their rabbits on exhibit, but the rabbit entries are non-competitive, as the money, and the extent to which no prizes are offered in this division. this is done represents a gain as real Castle Ellis is superintendent of the rabbit section, while R. A. Ellis is superintendent of the poultry show. Robert Hicks is secretary of the associa-

The show lasts three days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and the public is cordially invited to visit the exhibition at any time. The building any general plan for agricultural will be open at night for visitors.

Excitement Kills Her.

R. C. Young and D. O. Huddleston in the city this week visiting his Avon, Calif., suffering with heart ers worked less than one-third the towere transacting business in Abilene brother, W. D. Woodroof, and attend- trouble collapsed during the broad- tal crop acres. Excluding the extremecast and died.

deliberations of a committee appoint- D. Gamble, an ex-officio member. ed by Dr. T. O. Walton, president of L. Ward of the Texas Agricultural within a few days. Workers association. It has been issued as bulletin C-89 by the Exten- several of the churches in the city will sion Service of A. & M. College and have Christmas trees. affords food for thought and execution for everyone interested in farming or in the farmer's welfare.)

"The half-million farm families in area in cultivation July 1 at 40,954,- be produced on the farm. Here is a 000 acres, and that left for harvest at fully protected market, free from 40,495,000 acres, the abandonment raids on "bulls" and "bears," a marhaving been 1.1 per cent after July 1. ket in which price fluctuations make The Texas crop was estimated at not an iota of difference - - and it, music at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon supply it. This market in 1931, if us- cordially invited to attend. ed to the full, would have been worth to farmers twice the entire proceeds of the cotton crop.

HOME COMFORTS, TOO. "This is the reason why any genand pies for your Sunday dinner. eral plan for adjusting farming to meet the 1932 situation - - or any other - - must begin at the house and proceed outward to the fields. Too frequently farmers start their plans at the back fence and sometimes never reach the house with them. Nor should it be overlooked that the end of farming is comfortable, cultured, happy living. The farm home offers an enormous market for the things that bring comfort and beauty. Most farm families wait for money that somehow never seems to come, to get these conveniences and luxuries, yet a beautiful farm yard can be had for as little as 35 cents and some labor. A cheery liv. ing room adorns more than one farm home without a cent of cash outlay, on exhibit at noon Thursday in the and many folks have discovered that Sears building, location of Merkel's a handy kitchen is more a matter of second annual poultry and rabbit ingenuity than of dollars. Similarly show, where all four tiers of coops appropriate clothing depenls more on judgment than money. If all the beauty and comfort and convenience that can be brought for almost nothing into farm homes were expressed in dollar values there would almost be another quarter-million-dollar home market on the farm. Without minimizing the real need of cash on the farm. the point here is that many of the

> as any bought with dollars. EVERY FARM DIFFERENT. "These things - - supplying the farm home market with necessary food and comfort and beauty - - are practical and workable on nearly all Texas farms. Beyond this point. however,

things for which money is exchanged

the arduous process of first getting

readjustment is subject to so many "ifs" and "ands" as to make prescription difficult if not impossible. Every San Francisco, Dec. 10 .- The ex- one of the 495,000 farms in the State citement of listening to the St. Mary's- is different. For instance, two-thirds Southern Methodist university foot- of the crop land harvested in 1929 was ball game over the radio proved too operated by only two-fifths of the great for Mrs. Beatrice Bedell, 43, of farmers, and three fifths of the farm-

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## JOHN NANCE GARNER, RUGGED TEXAN, WINS HOUSE SPEAKERSHIP

### **PLAN TO LIGHT UP FOR HOLIDAYS**

Merkel Not to Have Municipal Tree This Year; Christmas Cheer Boxes to be Distributed.

The special committee appointed from the Lions club for arranging, Hoover administration. some sort of Christmas celebration concluded at a meteing Thursday morning not to have a municipal Christmas tree this year, as has been so successfully staged for the past two seasons, but instead to place their influence with and add their asistance to the ladies from the various churches in their plan of distributing Christmas Cheer boxes.

The Lions committee is Rev. E. L. Yeats, chairman; Dee Grimes and (This address is the result of the Booth Warren, with the president, S.

The committee is working on a plan A. & M. college, from the different de- to light up the streets of the busipartments of the college and also a ness section in real Christmas style committee appointed by President A. and the decorating work will start

It has already been announced that

#### **Notice**

A rehearsal for all the singers of Texas, if properly fed, will eat up Merkel who will participate in a musieach year the entire gross proceeds cal program for Christmas will be calfrom a five-million bale cotton crop led for 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at at ten cents per pound. It is glorious the Baptist church. The combined to feed and clothe the world but a choirs of all the churches of the city, whole lot better business to feed your- also any one not associated with any self first. The farmer's own back door choir, will be invited to sing in an represents a steady market for \$610 evening's program composed of carworth of food per year of which it is ols, hymns, anthems and solos and it acreage, the department placed the estimated that \$547 worth can easily is hoped that at least 50 or 60 voices pard and Connally, both influential

> The Abilene Musical Coterie are presenting a program of Christmas takes the produce of 20 solid acres to at the Wooten Hotel. The public is

To Hold Bazar Saturday. will have a bazar in Merkel Saturday, commerce and agriculture commit-

Is Elected Over Republican by Margin of 11 Votes; First Democratic Speaker in 12 Years; Cheers From Both Parties.

Washington, Dec. 10 .- It is Speaker Garner now.

The white-haired. 62-year-old Texan will preside over a democratic house in the last two years of the

The democrats won control Monday after 12 years of republican domination. They elected Garner on the first ballot. The party gave him

every vote it had-218. The Texan merely voted present. The republicans cast 207 votes for Representative Snell of New York, their candidate. The lone farmerlaborite, Representative Kvale of

Minnesota, and four insurgent republicans voted for Representative Schneider of Wisconsin. Snell and Schneider voted present. The only absentee was Representative Taylor, republican of Tennessee, who is ill.

Immediately upon assuming the office Garner made plans to complete democratic organization. He announced that a joint senate and house party committee would lay a legislative program before congress within a few days.

TEXANS TO THE FORE.

In addition to having the speaker, John Garner of Uvalde, the Texans in the house will dominate many of the strongest committees. will have important places on others, and will head at least three major groups. In the senate the Texans' power will not be as great but the democratic strength in that body will add to the prestige of Shepmembers, and their committee work

Three of the biggest problems facing congress will have their fates determined in committees headed by men from the Lone Star state. The problems are prohibition, the power issue and agriculture.

They will go respectively to the The ladies of the Goodman P. T. A. judiciary, interstate and foreign Dec. 12. Let us sell you your cakes tees, which will be headed by Hat-

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MERCHANDISING.

An earnest gentleman called at my office with a "message." He said that this is the time for me to write and induce somebody to publish some full-page advertisements on Merchandising.

The attention of all executives is now focused on the subject, he said, If we could only get them to "think straight" it would "clarify the whole business situation" and start the "return of prosperity."

I asked him what he meant by merchandising. He hemmed and hawed, and finally remarked: "Why, you know, merchandising; everybody knows what you mean by merchandising."

I told him that I had listened to much conversation on that subject in 1929, but had never heard any one define the term.

"In those boom days it seemed to mean over-selling," I continued. "It meant trying to get barber shops to put in a side line of lawn mowers, urging toilet goods departments to carry ice cream cones, forcing automobile parts into delicatessens.

"It meant pushing up the sales quota twenty-five per cent every year; lying awake nights to think up ways of making people buy more than they needed; going out extravagantly to steal the other man's customers. All that sort of high pressure activity was walking around under the banner of 'merchandising' in 1929." I said, "and if, when we speak of 'getting back to normal' we mean getting back to that rush and strain then I am not much interested."

He went away shaking his head, as if I had uttered treason against the great spirit of American enterprise.

Perhaps he was right; perhaps I am getting old and "unprogressive." But the kind of merchandising problems that I believe our country must face sooner or later are problems like the following:

Why, with so much wealth, are so many men out of work? Why is our economic machinery so clumsy that men can go hungry in

New York while other men are feeding wheat to hogs in Kansas? Why, with so many labor-saving devices, have we so little leisure? Why are factories closed when a large percentage of the human race

is still barefoot, under-nourished, and wet when it rains? Why were our parents, who were so much poorer than we, still so much more contented, peaceful and secure?

How can we think more about human beings and less about money? How can we recognize the economics of distribution so that everyb can have more of the good things of life as a result of steady, smooth

I cannot answer these questions, but I do believe it is important to get as many men as possible thinking about them.

Even if we have to divert a few minutes from our "merchandising."

### (Continued on Page Four) **MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO**

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, December 15, 1911.)

Mrs. W. T. Berry has returned for a visit with friends and relatives here and in Abilene.

Dallas for a visit with friends and the contracting parties have a host visit to Abilene Monday.

We have just received a nice assort- and happy wedded life. mont or ladies' and schoolgirls' "Hightor" button shoes in patent leather,

W. L. Harkrider.

Mrs. M. S. Wiman spent Saturday

for Munday where he filled an appointment Sunday.

make their home.

Dr. J. H. Warnick, G. W. Johnson,

TOOMBS-CAMPBELL. J. J. Toombs and Miss Fannie Pearl Campbell, a well known young couple of Nubia, were happily mar-Mr. D. Ussery, who is here from ried in Abilene Wednesday. Both of relatives, boarded the T. & P. for a of friends in the Nubia community and also in Merkel whom the Mail wishes to join in wishes for a long

Mrs. Claude Bigham and little tans, velvets and white Sea Island daughter, Alice, are spending the week in Escota visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Allyn.

The following young folks attended in Abilene visiting her daughter, Mrs. church and singing at Trent Sunday night: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Black, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bankhead, Mr. and Elder Jno. M. Rice left Saturday Mrs. M. D. Ussery, Mrs. Rosie Newberry, Misses Eufie and Hollice Cypert, Annie Black, Ethel Jenkins, Eather Williams, Rubye Dowdy, Ber-G. M. Stroud and family left Mon- tha Nelson, Madge Newberry, Myrday night for Temple where they will the Conner, Messrs. Olly Cordell, Jes-

E. L. Woodroof of Waxahachie was

se Ferguson, John Adcock.

## HONOR ROLL OF 144 **PUPILS ANNOUNCED**

lic schools for the second six weeks Love Tipton, 91. period contains the names of one hundred forty-four pupils. Slightly more than 30 per cent of the students Wood, 93; J. C. Thomas, 92; Bessie 94; Margaret Canon, 94; Ruth Calloreached this high standard for the Reynolds, 92; Geraldine Teague, 92; way, 94; Woodrow Wilson, 94; Isaperiod. Lucille Campbell, a Junior, Billie Rose Scranton, 91; J. D. Witch-dore Mellinger, 94; R. D. Ely, 93; has the best record of any High school er, 90. student. She carries five subjects (the usual load being four) and made an average of 97 per cent. Walderine uHskey, carrying four subjects, also averaged 97 for the period.

SENIORS LEAD IN PER CENT. The Seniors again led in the per cent of the class making the roll. Eighteen Seniors, or 58 per cent, made the honor roll for the period. Of the one hundred twenty-four grades given members of the Senior class only one was a red one-a failing

grade. Other classes had the following per cent on the roll: Juniors-25 per cent. Sophs-22 per cent.

Fish-20 per cent. GRAMMAR SCHOOL, per cent, have their names placed up-

on the honor roll. They are: Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett. Francis Tarlton, 96; Ella Mae Rice, 94; Mollie Frank Touchstone, 93; 92; Murry Toombs, 92.

Seventh Grade, Mr. Duke.

Sixth Grade, Miss Pinckley. Morris Wozencraft, 95; Sylvan Mellinger, 94; Lurline Tarlton, 92;

Sixth Grade, Miss Welch. Junior Grimes, 92; Laverne Hughes, 91; Murphy Dye, 90; Bud Gam-

Fifth Grade, Miss Coffey. les Andy Shouse, 92.

Fifth Grade, Miss Sloan. Bird, 92; Barbara Nell Dewett, 92; Patterson, 90, Lynell Carpenter, 91; Juan Duran, 91; Frank Dye, 90; Marvin Hunter, 90; Frances Higgins, 90; Emogene

Fourth Grade, Miss Patterson. Mildred Bird, 95; Comora Hughes, 95; W. G. Dickinson, 94; Pearl Mathws, 94; Yvonne Hassey, 94; Mabel Murray, 93; Verne Moore, 93; Lois Carpenter, 93; Leona Bell, 91; Neely

Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes. Billie Wood, 96; W. I. Wozencraft, 95; Mary Nell Morgan, 94; Mary Jo Russell, 94; Don Warren, 93; Frances

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Third Grade, Mrs. Anderson. Gay West, 94; Burt Reeves, 94; Don encraft, 95; Mary Elizabeth Grimes,

Third Grade, Miss Heizer. 93; Billy Cox, 93; Helen Heeter, 93; Donald Lasater, 91; Harvey Davis, 90; Berma Louise Johnston, 90.

Second Grade, Miss Pogue. Homer Tye, Jr., 94; Roy Owen, 94; O. C. Shouse, 93; Doris Clyde Mil. Slayden, 91; Fred Slayden, 91; Morris Richie, 90.

Second Grade, Miss Curb. Louise Carpenter, 92; Becky Gardner, 92; Maria Duran, 92; Alene Cox, 91; Dora Marie Gaither, 91; Mary Lou Higgins, 91.

First Grade, Mrs. Teaff. Marilyn Sue Grimes, 97; Billy Tom Hutcheson, 97; Billie Clyde Haynes, 95; Floyd Hutcheson, Jr., 95; Joy Bland, 94; Bob Jinkins, 93; Clara Bell Hawkins, 92; Robert Gilmore, 91.

First Grade, Mrs. Nash. Clarence Perry, 95; Wesley Owen, Harold Morgan, 93; Billie Woodrum, 95; Aubrey Shouse, 93; Jim Sublett, 93; Margaret Sharp, 92; Minnie Alice Mayfield, 92; Nee Ander Wozencraft, Juanita Huskey, 98; Ora Derrick, 91; Jerry Warren, 91; Billie London, 91; Charles Edward Williams, 90; Billie Joe White, 90; Ben Speck, 90.

HIGH SCHOOL. Forty-seven names, or 25 per cent Marvin Perkins, 90; Jack Sublett, 90. of the pupils in the High school, were on the honor roll for the period. They

Eighth Grade. Ethelda Tucker, 96; Robbie Walker, 94; Loid Perkins, 93; Louise Toombs, Jessie La Verne Simpson, 93; Char- 92; Marizoe West, 92; Jesse Margaret Berry, 91; Billie Bernice Gambill, 91; Lena Faye Harrell, 91; Louise Janell Black, 95; Dorthea Sue Tarlton, 91; Neal Durham, 90; J. V.

> Sophomore Class. Walderine Huskey, 97; J. R. Higgins, 95; Wilma Gardner, 94; Caribell Mansfield, 93; Vivian Lasater, 92; Rogene Dye, 91; Annie Lee Owens,

> > Berth School out

bered and appreciated.

91; Mary Bell Douglas, 90; Julia Trustee to Liquidate Prdctor, 90; Lois Whiteley, 90.

Junior Class. Lucille Campbell, 97; Nell Hughes, 95; Opal Huskey, 95; Florene Rider, 95; Mildred Richardson, 93; Ouida Melugin, former Archer county Mae Hulley, 91; Mardell Shouse, 90;

Senior Class.

Ross Ferrier, 96; Ola Ellen Smith, Mary Estella Williams, 95; Doris 96; Lela Patterson, 95; Cephas Woz-Avis Deavers, 92; Davis Williams, 92; Marshall Stalls, 91; Willie Evelyn Betty Jane Diltz, 96; Euvalda Fox, Boaz, 91; Madeline Murray, 91; Marie 95; Guy Manscill, 95; T. D. Compton, Stanford, 91; Albert Cade, 90; Robert Mancill, 90.

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Christmas?

Assets Archer Bank

Archer City, Dec. 10 .- J. Sell judge, has been named as trustee for Archer county to liquidate the asets of the Peoples Exchange bank. Melugin was appointed by the county commissioners court.

The county obtained the assets at auction November 28. The county's claim against the closed bank and its partners and bondsmen was \$1,200,-

The Four Marx Brothers were at one time concert players known as the Four Nightingales.

Don't fail to see "Little Miss Jack" at Trent High school Dec. 18.



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## PLANNING TEXAS **FARMING 1932**

#### Consider—

- 1. SELLING THE FARM HOME MARKET FIRST--It was twice the size of the cotton market in
- 2. PRODUCING A SMALL SURPLUS OF FOOD TO
  - -While producing the home living it's easy to raise a little extra
- 3. USING CARE BEFORE PLANTING NEW CASH CROPS-
  - -Some may prove profitable, but plunging is dangerous
- 4. PLANTING FEED TO SELL THROUGH LIVE-
  - -Demonstrations point the way, landlord-tenant leases may help
- 5. CUTTING COST OF PRODUCTION TO THE
  - -Yields above average and costs below average bring profits
- 6. RAISING PRICES BY PRODUCING QUALITY
  - -High quality, strict grading, alert marketing
- brings premiums 7. PRESERVING THE LAND BY TERRACING AND
  - WISE UTILIZATION--Present and future profits depend on building up the soil

which article your attention is invited.

8. NO TWO FARMS ARE ALIKE--Visit farm and home demonstrations or the farm and home demonstration agents.

The above are excerpts from bulletin No. C-89, issued by the Extension Service of the Agricultural and Mechanical college of Texas and the United States department of agriculture, O. B. Martin, Director, College Station, Texas, as printed elsewhere in this issue of The Mail, to

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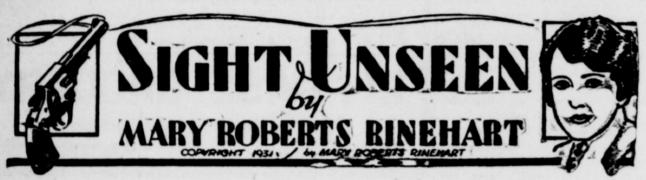
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MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS





neighbors, are in the habit of holding nity. Dane, who is hostess, varies the pro-gram by unexpectedly arranging a said. spiritualistic seance with Miss Jeremy. a friend of Dr. Sperry and not a proressional, as the medium.

At the first sitting the medium tells the details of a murder as it is occurring. Later that night Sperry learns that a neighbor, Arthur Wells, has been shot mysteriously.

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

Johnson and Sperry do some detective work and uncover the fact that somebody with guilty knowledge has made away with some letters. Hawkins the butler. is suspected as well as servants?" Ellingham, a friend of Mrs. Wells, of knowing who the slayer is. The investigation has reached its final stages. NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY-

There was, on the contrary, a definite place beyond which the medium could not go.

She did not know who had killed Arthur Wells. To my surprise. Sperry and Her-

bert Robinson came together to see me that morning at my office. Sperry, like myself, was pale and tired, but Herbert was restless and talkative, for all the world like a kins," Sperry said. "The letters in matter. terrier on the scent of a rat.

"Hawkins will be here soon," Sperry said, rather casually, after I a chair facing the light-and then thinking now of going back to Enghad read the clipping.

"Here?" from Miss Jeremy. The letter is want them." merely a blind. We want to see

Herbert was examining the door of my office. He set the spring lock. them?" "Hemay try to bolt," he explained.

says?" Sperry asked. pressed a button, and Miss

Joyce," I directed. "Take every- "I'm not admitting it." thing we say, any of us. Can you tell the different voices?"

She thought she could, and took with the door partly open.

I can still see Hawkins as Sperry "You know, then, where

ELEVENTH INSTALLMENT. jof good manners and 'an English; "That's easy," he said bitterly. accent, a superior servant. He was "She's told you enough, I daresay. Six people, Horace Johnson (who cool but rather resentful. I judged She doesn't know it all, of course. tells the story), his wife, old Mrs. that he considered carrying letters Any more than I do," he added. Dane, Herbert Robinson and his sis- as in no way a part of his work, "Will you give us the letters?" ter, Alice, and Dr. Sperry, friends and and that he was careful of his dig- "I haven't said I have them. I

Then his eyes took in Sperry and District Attorney." Herbert, and he drew himself up. "I see." he said. "It wasn't the Jeremy?" I asked. letter, then?"

"Not entirely. We want to have a talk with you, Hawkins."

"Very well, sir." But his eyes went from one to the other of us. "You were in the employ of Mr. Wells. We know that. Also we saw

you there the night he died, but some time after his death. What time did you get in that night?"

"About midnight. I am not cer-

"Who told you of what had happened?"

the detective going out." had come in, locked the door, and up for our own satisfaction." placed the key outside for the other "Then why is some one taking

"Yes, sir." "How do you expect us to believe that?" Sperry demanded irritably. but he saw that he was right by "There was only one key. Could our faces. He smiled bitterly. "Go you lock yourself in and then place on," he said. "Take it down. It the key outside?"

By opening the kitchen window. I could reach out and hang it on the was as far as we got. nail."

at the time Mr. Wells died?"

"I can prove it by as many witnesses as you wish to call." "Now, about these letters. Haw-

the bag. Have you still got them?" He half rose-we had given him

sat down again. "What letters?" "Don't beat about the bush. We "Yes. He is bringing a letter know you have the letters. And we

He hesitated. "If you do not still had the letters. He had, after "We're in this pretty deep, you know already, I do not care to say." all, as much right to them as we "How about a record of what he him. "You wrote this, I think?" I at all. And, whatever it was, he

said. He was genuinely startled. More Joyce came in. "Take the testimony than that, indeed, for his face crestfallen. Sperry's attitude was of the man who is coming in, Miss twitched. "Suppose I did?" he said, more philosophical.

was meant?"

"You know a great deal already, ing the letters over her head. And up her position in the next room, gentlemen. Why not find out from it hasn't worked out. Poor devil! where you learned the rest?"

let him in-a tall, cadaverous man learned what we know?"

haven't admitted I wrote that one weekly meetings. At one of them, Mrs. "Miss Jeremy sent this, sir," he on the desk. Suppose I have them. Reduced to its elements, it was as I'll not give them up except to the follows:

"By 'she' do you refer to Miss

He stared, and smiled faintly.

"You know who I mean." We tried to assure him that we were not, in a sense, seeking to involve him in the situation, and I even went so far as to state our position, briefly:

"I'd better explain, Hawkins. We are not doing police work. But, owing to a chain of circumstances, we have learned that Mr. Wells did not kill himself. He was murdered, or at least shot, by some one else. It may not have been de-"I told you that before. I met liberate. Owing to what we have learned, certain people are under "Exactly. Now, Hawkins, you suspicion. We want to clear things

> down what I say in the next room?"

He could only have guessed it, can't hurt anybody. I don't know "Yes, sir," he replied impassively. who did it, and that's God's truth." And, after long wrangling, that

He suspected who had done it, "You were out of the house, then, but he did not know. He absolutely refused to surrender the letters in his possession, and a sense of delicacy. I think, kept us all from pressing the question of the A 31

> "That's a personal affair," he said. "I've had a good bit of trouble. I'm land."

And, as I say, we did not insist. When he had gone, there seemed to be nothing to say. He had left "I don't intend to give them up, the same impression on all of us, I think-of trouble, but not of crime. "Will you tell us how you got Of a man fairly driven; of wretchedness that was almost despair. He I placed the letter to A 31 before had, which was, actually, no right

> still had his secret. Herbert was almost childishly

"A woman, of course," he said. "Will you tell us for whom it "The A 31 letter shows it. He tried to get her back, perhaps, by hold-Only-who is the woman?"

It was that night, the fifteenth day after the crime, that the solu-

tion came. Came, as a matter of remembered where the strop was, it very possible, that her fact, to my door.

trying to read, a rather abstruse book on psychic phenomena. My wife, I recall, had just asked me to End of a Pleasant Day," when the muttered something and turned formulate some concerted plan that

tom, on those rare occasions when screamed. the bell rings after nine o'clock, Charlie Ellingham heard her. The he managed to escape. But it was to answer the door myself.

tion with Clara's notes. And Sperry phone. She maintained, and I think Try a Classified Ad for Results made no comment on her at all.

"Mrs. Well; suggested that we come here, Horace," he began "We may need a legal mind on this. I'm not sure, or rather I think it unlikely. But just in case-suppose you tell him, Elinor.'

I have no record of the story Elinor Wells told that night in our little reception-room, with Clara sitting in a corner, grave and white. It was fragmentary, incoordinate.

But I got it all at last. Charlie Ellingham had killed Arthur Wells, but in a struggle. In parts the story was sordid enough. She did not spare herself, or her motives. She had wanted luxury, and Arthur had not succeeded as he had promised. They were in debt, and living beyond their means. But even that, she hastened to add. would not have mattered, had he not been brutal with her. He had made her life very wretched.

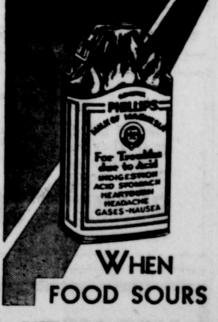
But on the subject of Charlie Ellingham she was emphatic. She knew that there had been talk, but there had been no real basis for it. She had turned to him for comfort, and he gave her love. She didn't know where he was now, and didn't greatly care, but she would like to recover and destroy some letters he had written her.

She was looking crushed and ill and she told her story nervously.

On the night of Arthur Wells's death they were dressing for a ball. She had made a private arrangement with Ellingham to plead a headache at the last moment and let Arthur! go alone. But he had been so insistent that she had been forced to go. after all. She had sent the governess, Suzanne Gautier. out to telephone Ellingham not to come, but he was not at his house, and the message was left with his valet. As it turned out, he had allready

Elinor was dressed, all but her ball-gown and she had put on a negligee, to wait for the governess to return and help her. Arthur was in his dressing-room, and she heard him grumbling about having no blades for his safety razor.

He got out a case of razors and searched for the strop. When she



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her, with them in his hand.

She was terrified. He had read could help the man on the floor. change a banjo record for "The only one, but that was enough. He ell rang.

In our modest establishment the toward where the revolver had been thinking it was Mademoiselle Gaumaids retire early and it is my cus- hidden from the children, and she

door had been left unlocked by the Clara who was coming up To my surprise, it was Sperry, governess, and he was in the lower stairs. accompanied by two ladies, one of hall. He ran up and the two mes them heavily veiled. It was not grappled. The first shot was fired until I had ushered them into the by Arthur. It struck the ceiling. reception room and lighted the gas The second she was doubtful about. that I saw who they were. It was She thought the revolver was still Elinor Wells, in deep mourning, in Arthur's hand. It was all horriand Clara, Mrs. Dane's companion ble. He went down like a stone, in the hallway outside the door.

While I am quite sure that I was They were nearly mad, the two not thinking clearly at the opening of them. They had dragged the body of the interview, I know that I in, and then faced each other. Ellwas puzzled at the presence of Mrs. ingham was for calling the police Do it now. Offer positively expires Dane's secretary, but I doubtless at once and surrendering, but she December 31st. accepted it as having some connec- had kept him away from the tele-

it was too late. The letters had been thought was for the children, and I was in the library, reading, or beside it, and he was coming toward the effect on their after lives of such a scandal. And, after all, nothing

It was while they were trying to tier, she drove Ellingham into the rear of the house, from which later

(Concluded Next Week.)

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cards of thanks, etc., are classed as service. Reese Hail, who was to have tended. advertising, and will be charged for led the meeting last Sunday, will be Some thirty or more of our young Stith and the groom, the son of Mrs. join the staff of the New York Her- our loved one in his illness and death: at Ic per word.

### WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS

er lambs were shipped from San An- 574 for the previous Sunday and with expect you. gelo recently to the Dalhart section 807 for the same Sunday a year ago. of Texas for winter feeding.

The Hopkins shool district in Gray county cut its tax rate in two this tor preaching both morning and evyear on account of a large surplus of ening. Come and bring your friends

Nearly twelve thousand acres of land for helium gas production were purchased by the United States Helium plant at Amarillo recently.

Twenty-four young men are earning their way through the West Texas State Teachers college at Canyon by Joe Earl Lassiter. working on the college farm.

Construction of a \$70,000.00 federal building is under way at Wichita Falls.

Sixteen South Plains counties have a total of fifty-five thousand hogs, with Lamb county leading and Hale county second.

Hale county can lead the South day evening. We need you. Plains counties in cotton acreage this year under the terms of the newly adopted Texas cotton reduction law.

radio receiving sets among its thir- Eaird. ty thousand families.

An Arkansas farmer has offered to trade pears, bushel for bushel, for West Texas wheat.

is to be built at Big Spring soon.

From two-fifths of an acre of strawberries, a Littlefield man reports worth of fruit this past year.

Twenty-six billboards maintained by the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce in central and western Texas are being repainted to advertise the livestock development program sponsored by the Texas Breeder-Feeder

For the first time all Texas Rotarians will meet in one convention in Texas-at Mineral Wells in the spring

in Denton county this season for and all women are invited to it. home canning uses.

Students from nine cities within a fifty mile radius of Lubbock are attending Texas Technological college and living at home, making the trip back and forth daily.

A \$65,000 depot has been constructed at Littlefield. Its opening was celebrated with a banquet honoring the rail officials.

KEEPING UP WITH TEX

San Angelo has been chosen over Graham and Lampasas as the site for a \$50,000 federal fish hatchery their subjects in "The Era" and for and construction is to start soon.

Fred T. Couper, Jr., Wichita Falls, B. A. from the University of Texas, and Houston H. Wasson, Dallas, senior at Southern Methodist university. have been selected as the Texas candidates to compete in the district that includes Texas for Rhodes scholar-STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY

2 Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

#### TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING. On account of the funeral of B. M. Advertising Rates On Application. last Sunday, there was no meeting of Sunday, depite the cloudy weather. al friends. All obituaries, resolutions of respect, the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer The Sunday School also was well at-

over the previous Sunday was noted banner. in the tabulation of the attendance at the four reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel for last Sunday, the number

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tions?" L. V. Moore. "When Should We Have Our Daily Devotions?" Annie Lee Owen. "The Value of Daily Devotions," J.

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"To God," J. W. Mansfield. All Intermediates are urged to attend our B. Y. P. U. at 6 o'clock Sun-

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Sunday School at 10 a. m. We are Over three hundred thousand metal duals when we have a perfect atten. shows a growing confidence in 1932 cans were used in canning Hale coun- dance. Each member of the class is merchandising possibilities. ty food products this year on farms. responsible for a perfect attendance. His report added that greatly im-

> Prayer meeting Wednes tay evening, eral morale." Come worship with us.

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

next Sunday. Let all Junior and young lead still further in 1931." people meet me at the church next

he harvested seven hundred dollars | 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting of them that may enable you to save Thursday 7 p. m. You are welcome. money. At least you will know where

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

a. m. Training service 6:15 p. m. Our Bible school is growing in interest and efficiency. There are always good talks made at the morning and evening services, even when there is no paid 2,400 pounds sterling (\$8,088) at regular preaching announced.

Ladies' Bible class Tuesday 2:45 Half a million metal cans were sold p. m. This is an interesting class Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:15 p.

L. E. Carpenter, Minister.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

December 13 is Epworth Highroad night and our program is given for the purpose of discussing plans for paying for this new league magazine. Leader: Gwendolyn Vickers. Invocation, leader.

First speaker, Burnie Tucker. Second speaker, Pauline Pinckley. Third speaker, Mardell Shouse. Fourth speaker. Marcella Pinckley. (The above four speakers will find

information will see the leader.) Discussion, by the leader.

Money matters, league president.

#### Quarter Finals

(Continued from fage One) won many supporters for the West-

The Greenville Lions smashed an old rival Saturday in the Sherman team, 20 to 0. At the same time, Fort Worth Central turned in a powerfu! running and passing game to smother the Oak Cliff Leopards at Dallas, 21 to 7.

Saturday is Doll Day at Brown's Bargain Store. Pick your doll, pay one-fourth down and doll will be held for you till Christmas Eve.

Dor't miss the story of the poor tenement waif-Trent, Dec. 18.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

We were happy to have a large Black at the regular meeting hour congregation at both the services last at 12 o'clock in the presence of sever- ted Press bureaus in London and

in charge at the next Sunday service people are attending the Western Un., C. E. Thomas. at the Baptist church. The lesson will ion league gathering at Tuscola be the twenty-third chapter of Acts. Thursday evening. Presidents Roy SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. Kennedy Whiteley of the "Hi" league An increase of exactly one hundred claim they will bring back the Union

The teachers in session Wednesday evening decided to have a Christmas tree at the church Dec. 24. Santa Twenty-two thousand head of feed- present being 674. This compares with Claus will be there in person. He will

> Regular services next Sunday. Preaching by the pastor.

> We regret to record the passing of our fellow-churchman, Mr. B. M. Black. He was a good man and possessed the Christian heart and mind

#### JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Scripture, by leader, A. C. Sears. Prayer.

Story, Robert Rodden. Benediction.

#### Advertising Dollar Has More Value Than Ever

New York, Dec. 10 ..- The board of directors of the Advertising Federation of America announced Monday that a national survey it has conducted indicates the 1932 advertising dollar will bring better results than at any time during the past two years.

Gilbert T. Hodges, president of always proud of our classes as indivi- the organization, said the survey

There will not be a preaching ser- proved credit conditions and the be-El Paso has over five thousand vice Sunday, as pastor will be at ginning of commodity price recovery are reflected in an "improved gen-

"Check up of 102 large companies showed that those firms which in-

Read the advertisements in this Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching paper. There's a message in every one to find what you want without doing tion price for The Merkel Mail in Mrs. Fannie King, Superintendent. a lot of hunting and asking questions, Taylor and adjoining counties is only Bible School 9:45 a. m. Worship 11 ial offerings of their goods.

Buys Rare Book.

Rosenbach of Philadelphia Monday December 31st. an auction for a copy of Lodge's for "As You Like It."

ly, that fish were sold at the rate of lene, Texas. 750 for a quarter.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail Mail office.

THOMAS-HOLLOWAY.

Both parties have a host of frends book which the Nation calls the best Mrs. T. F. Compton and Children. who congratulate them and are hap-Patterson of the Senior league and py to know they will continue to make their home at Stith.

J. U. G. CLUB.

The members of the J.U.G. club were most graciously entertained in the home of Miss Mary Joe Russell last Saturday afternoon.

The house was lovely with autumn decorations, where games and contests were played. Talks, in which the approach of Santa Claus featured, were next enjoyed. Sandwiches and hot chocolate were served to Ernestine Massey from Trent and Ollie Lou Tippett, San Angelo, guests. Club members present were Bettye Jane Diltz, Mabel Murray, Frances Owens, Helen Heeter, Becky Gardner, Billy McGehee, Ann Lepard, Doris Gay West, Sue Sue Grimes, Dora Marie Gaither, Geraldine Teague and Missie Dye. Little Miss Mary Faye Johnson was also a guest.

#### Children Share in Dan Sullivan Estate

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 10 .- The wealth of Dan Sullivan, richest man in Texas, will be divided equally among his four children and one grandchild, according to his will, on file here. The estate, largely lands, is estimated at between \$20,000,000 and \$100,000,000 in value.

The children are D. J. Sullivan, Jr., who will continue the Sullivan Bank and serve as executor of the will; John C. Sullivan, an attorney, and Miss Anne Sullivan, all of San Antonio, and Mrs. Elizabeth Clem, Washington, D. C. The granddaughter is Mrs. E. S. Clemens, San Antonio.

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Mrs. B. M. Black and Children.

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From now until Dec. 31st, subscripand you also know the merchants ap- \$1.00 per year. This will save you 50 preciate your patr nage because they cents, if you will renew your subscripsolicit your business and make spec- tien during these three months. If you are in arrears, you can pay up the past year and extend a new year at the bargain offer of \$1.00 per year. London Dec. 10 .- Dr. A. S. W. Do it now. Offer positively expires

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Austin, Dec. 8 .- Ed Angley, forner student at The University of Texas, has returned to Texas for a sion." Mr. Angley was formerly em-The marriage of Miss Mae Hollo- short visit after spending a number ployed as a reporter on the Galveston way and Mr. Jewel Thomas was sol- of years abroad. For seven years Mr. News. emnized at Hawley Sunday morning Angley was a member of the Associa-Paris. He resigned his position with

seller of the season. It is called "O-Yeah!" and is a compilation of the published views of prominent business men, politicians, economists and financiers, of the so-called "depres-

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of expressing The bride is the charming daughter the Associated Press more than a our appreciation to our friends and of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Holloway of year ago to return to New York to Dr. Armstrong for their kindness to ald-Tribune. He has just published a also for the beautiful floral offerings.

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### **SORROW COMES TO** THREE FAMILIES

Two Cld Settlers and Beloved Grandmother Pass Away Here During the Past Week.

The death angel visited three famin Merkel this week, carrying way two of the city's oldest and most spected men and an elderly lady: M. Black, 79, Thomas F. Compton, 74, and Mrs. Abigail J. Brown, 79, the latter the step-grandmother of Mrs. C. B. Gardner, who had made her home with Mrs. Gardner for a number of years.

#### Benjamin M. Black

Following an illness of several months, during which he showed improve\_ weaker as the days grew on, Benjamin er place. M. Black passed away at 4:30 Saturday afternoon, Dec. 5, at his home here, surrounded by a group of loving Merkel. sons and daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church, with Rev. E. L. Yeats, the pastor officiating, assisted by Rev. R. A. Walker, Presbyterian pastor, and Rev. L. E. Carpenter, Church of Christ minister.

Following the church service, the Masons had charge of the funeral. Pall bearers were: Andy Shouse, E. O. Carson, Buck Leach, Sam Bankston, Perry Dickinson and Volley Vesseis, Trent. Interment was at Rose Hill

Benjamin M. Black was born July 24, 1852, at Lees Creek, Crawford county, Ark., and was married at Van Buren, Ark., on December 1, 1875, to Miss Orra Pyeatt, who departed from life in 1900. To this union were born nine children, two WILL STAND my thoroughbred regdaughters having preceded him in death.

va Tennant, who, with one daughter, John S. Hughes. Mrs. B. F. Kelso, is left to mourn his passing with his seven surviving children: Mrs. R. H. Field, Yoakum; O. M. Black, Oakland, Calif.; B. D. Black, Houston; Mrs. A. M. Smith. Maverick, Texas; W. C. Black, Merkel; Mrs. W. H. Howell, Roscoe; and Mrs. M. D. Martin, Sweetwater, Texaş. Twenty-six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren also sur-

Mr. Black came to Texas about 50 ears ago, locating first in Tarrant unty, and came to Taylor county 1906, where he engaged in stock raising and farming. He also ranched a number of years on the plains. In later years he followed the carpenter trade, retiring about four years ago.

He was converted at the age of 25, uniting with the Cumberland Presbyterian church and later with the M. E. Church, South, of which he was an active member until his health began to fail. He reared his children in the Sunday School and church and all bear evidence of the success of his training in the way they should go. His life was an open book and all who knew him called him friend. He will be missed greatly by those in all walks of life as well as by fellow-workers in the church and the intimates of his family.

#### Thomas F. Compton

A wife, five children, 20 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren years before. and a large circle of friends are left to mourn the loss of Thomas F. Compton, age 74, and a resident of Merkel following a stroke of apoplexy early be released from cotton production. for more than 35 years. Mr. Compton that morning. died at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon after an extended illness, his condition having been considered extremely morning, conducted by Rev. E. L. grave for the last two weeks. He had Carpenter of the Church of Christ been in declining health for several and Rev. E. L. Yeats, Methodist pas-

o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the fam- Mrs. Gardner accompanied the rely residence with Rev. R. A. Walker, mains to Indiana. pastor of the Presbyterian church, of which he was a member, officiating, was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers were: M. L. Estes, L. Murray, Uncle Bill Massey, A. J. on, Sam Bankston and Sam Der-

Compton was born in Lynn-Tenn., the son of Thomas and etty Compton, and was married near Lynnville to Miss Sophronia Angus 54 years ago. They came to Taylor 1931. county in 1894 and Mr. Compton became one of the best known farmers of this section. He served 12 years as December 9, 1931. public weigher.

He professed religion 15 years ago and united with the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World and the Odd Fellow, lodges. In the course of his daily life during 35 years in



#### FOR SALE

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

FOR SALE-Meat hogs. Phone 54, Trent. J. H. Grayson.

FOR SALE-Four dandy good used 4.75x19 tires and tubes. Yours for \$12. West Company.

172 acres, near Lueders, 130 in cultivation; lots of water; trade for small farm.

493 acres, 14 miles northwest Colorado City; trade for something near farming plans" and "farm polices" as age in yield or price and below the av-

improved.

small car. Have nice little milk cow for sale plans as the best guide today. or trade.

See me. Burl Scott.

#### WANTED

FOR LEASE-179 acres of land, join\_ ing Merkel on west, 70 acres in cultivation; balance in pasture. Make a 1930 by President T. O. Walton of bid. Vol Martin, 5437 Eighth Avenue, Texas A. and M. College are the pres-Los Angeles, Calif.

FOR TRADE-Columbia phonograph, cabinet style, to trade for piano or something of equal value. Mrs. C. L. Daniels, Route 1, Merkel, Texas.

istered Jersey bull at my barn in South Merkel; fees, \$1; must leave In 1901 he was married to Mrs. Al- check before removing cow from lot.

#### FOR RENT

FOR RENT-Corner part of building now occupied by Barrow Furni- production is increased. ture company. Write E. G. Neely, 4311 Hall St., Dallas, Texas.

#### LOST AND FOUND

FOUND-Pair of glasses. Owner can get same by describing and paying for this ad. Merkel Mail.

this community, Mr. Compton was respected and honored for his many fine traits as an upright citizen, a helpful neighbor, one who had a good word for everybody, in brief, a man who never shirked any duty.

Besides his wife, he is survived by five children: three daughters, Mrs. S. G. Russell, Mrs. P. A. Diltz, Mrs. Rufie Diltz, and two sons, Tyre and Delma Compton, all of whom reside in Merkel, and the sincere sympathy of the entire community goes out to this wife, the children, grandchildren and their children in their sad loss of Husband and father.

#### Mrs. Abigail J. Brown

Guests in the Gardner home and friends of the family all learned to love the dear old lady, Mrs. Gardner's step-grandmother, who had made her home with the Gardners ever since they came to Merkel and for many

Death came to Mrs. Abigail J.

A brief funeral service was held at the Gardner home at 7:30 Thursday tor, and the body was shipped to

Mrs. Brown was a member of the Eaptist church at Paragon, Ind., and, gement, and on whether there are is the handmaid of agriculture.' Thus assisted by Rev. E. L. Yeats, Metho- besides the step-granddaughter here, dist pastor, and Rev. G. W. Cypert, is survived by another step-grand-Church of Christ minister. Interment | daughter, Mrs. Seth D. Sims. of

> Remember "Little Miss Jack"-Dec. 18, Trent.

Record of Births. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Riddle,

Saturday, December 5, 1931. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Massey, Trent, Monday, December 7

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jones. residing near Hawley, Wednesday, Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Regeon,

residing near Stith, Thursday, December 10, 1931. Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Bill

#### **Texas Farming**

(Continued from Page One.) per cent of the farmers work five- valent. sixths of the cultivated area. These

stration agent. The way to prosperity profitable era. and happiness in farm life has been safest reference. There are thousands 198 acres, good improvements, 5 of these demonstrations and a multi-

PRINCIPLES HAVEN'T CHANGED. way out of any difficulty. Perhaps these principles, hoary with age, will be regarded by some as inapplicable today. Yet there is magic in them for those who see and those who do. These principles as announced in the fall of quality basis.

"Interpreting in the light of pres ent conditions, it has already been shown what "living at home" may crops where practicable, destroying mean as expressed in terms of selling insects and rodents and controlling your own home market first. Many plant diseases, and cultivating wisely. will find it easy to produce more of ! these foods than can be used at home. Economies are often effected when

"It takes little more effort to milk four cows than it does two, nor to care for 120 pullets than for the 60 needed ble the labor and expense of a oneported from other States is not likefarming specialties.

PLANT ONLY ADAPTED CROPS.

"To plunge surplus acres in 1932 into this or that cash crop may prove plunging into the production of any act. of them, or growing them on a large scale will more than likely bring disappointment. In any event all such

SELL FEED THROUGH LIVESTOCK. "On the other hand Texas is probfor cash this feed is not likely to pay ture profits. It is 'these who shall inmuch for the growing. It seldom does. But fed to livestock substantial prices are usually received for feed. This was

ciency and profits. for each hog raised, 14 bushels corn qr that comes from the soil can be re-

improved pasture; for each hen I bus- ing undermined. small farms and the bulk of the hel corn or equivalent; for each turranches, however, it is seen that 90 key raised 1 1-2 bushels corn or equi- that leading citizens of many coun-

500 acres. With such wide variations lord and tenant may get together in the good judgment of all who are inin size of farm, in character of own- livestock partnerships is more diffi- terested is focused. Thus a worthy cr. in land tenure and in farming re- cult. It can be done, however, and algions it becomes plain that general most any tenant can begin on a small ties and possibilities. Thus a united sistent man in the backfield, and his advice of whatever nature will miss scale and contribute more and more citizenship will add another chapter the point in the majority of cases. to the partnership from year to year. to Texas' greatness." "This leads to the conclusion that The year 1932 will probably mark the the soundest advice is for each farm- shift of many farms to livestock parer to go to his county or home demon- thership and the beginning of a more

"Simple lease forms suitable for atworked out in individual cases for taching to the customary "third and years and years in the form of prac- fourth" and "half and half" contracts tical demonstrations that form the may be obtained from county agents.

CUT COST OF PRODUCTION. "The average yield of any crop or ment from time to time only to get miles from Merkel; trade for small- plicity of kinds to fit the widely vary- livestock product nearly always reing conditions. Combined together presents a loss to the farmer. Profits these demonstration, fit into the "safe are made by getting above the averannounced at intervals in the past by erage in cost of production. Its hard 320 acres of good land for rent; Texas A. and M. College. Chaotic and to get cost of production down withmust be able to run self; place is well discourageng as present conditions out showing up the yield. Nobody are, the best thought of Txas and the seems to have been very successful so Have nice young mare to trade for nation continue to regard the prin- far in improving prices on a big scale. ciples laid down in these well-known Through cooperation the farmer may succeed in this but as an individual he is helpless .On the other hand, what "It is human to desire some magic cost of production will be is in large measure in control of the individual farmer.

"How to do this - - how it was done with profit in most lines in 1931 was demonstrated by farmers and members of their families in nearly 200 Texas counties. In general, costs have been cut by culling out unprofervation of land as capital stock, use itable livestock and replacing with of adapted crops and livestock, balanc- good individuals, feeding balanced raing the farm business, using low cost tions. keeping livestock premises sanimethods, living at home, producing tary and stock healthy, planting pasquality products, and marketing on a tures, keeping records, using only good planting seed, fertilizing where needed, terracing or contouring to hold soil or moisture or both, rotating QUALITY PRODUCTS BRING PREMIUMS.

"While not much has yet been accomplished in raising the general price level of Texas farm commodities. many farmers and their wives have secured premiums for producing qual ity prducts and selilng them on a qualto supply a family of five; a half-acre ity basis. Fres, guarnted infertile garden is not twice as expensive or eggs can usually be marketed for a few troublesome than a quarter-acre one; cents per dozen more than the marand a one-acre orchard does not dou- ket price; choice meat animals ordinarily bring a premium; a big advanacre fruit plot. Such modest increases | ce has been made in the last year in in a State where 83 per cent of the producing a larger percentage of net cash farm income has come from number one turkeys and selling them cotton and where food has to be im- at advanced prices; many creameries pay for butterfat on grade; and ly to create a damning surplus. Cer- cotton is coming more and more to be tainly it represents less of a hazard sold on grade and staple, especially in than launching into many of the standardized one-variety communities and through cooperatives. Home demonstration club women have done a lot to standardize quality food and household articles and to sell them in to be jumping out of the frying pan special markets. Similarly, a signifiinto the fire. Tomatoes, cabbage, on- cant start has been made in curing ions, sorghum syrup or what not may pork at home to produce a superior bring relief here or there, but such product that commands a premium ventures should be carefully investi- in local markets. Quality production gated in advance as to the adaptibil- followed by alert marketing is increasity of the crop to the locality, to mar- ing net farm income and leading toketing facilities, and to probable de- ward the ideal of "every farm a facmand. Farmers should not hesitate tory every week in the year." There to examine the possibilities offered by is a good deal of farm relief ahead various special cash crops but blind in this direction for those who see and

WILL PRESERVE HIS LAND.

"The wise farmer will preserve the land by terracing, by developing luxspecial crops put together will not uriant pastures, by planting such leg-Brown, age 79, at noon Wednesday utilize the huge acreage apparently to umes ag cowpeas, soy beans, alfalfa and clovers for feed and cover crops, by using crop rotations and cropping systems, and in East Texas by manaably in for a big feed crop acreage Sold ging woodlands for present and fuherit the earth.' "That we are in a period of transi-

tion and reconstruction is clear. Read-Funeral services were held at 2 Paragon, Ind., for burial Saturday. true even in 1931 where farmers man- justments made now will affect civiaged skillfully. What livestock pays lization for decades. Manifestly the for feed depends on the feed and whole job cannot be done by farmers livestock markets, on skill in mana- alone. Jefferson said that, 'Commerce fences, lots, barns and equipment to representatives of great commercial permit economical handling. Nearly organizations and institutions unite always, however, livestock pays more in efforts to better agriculture. But Chicago, Ill., a sister of Mrs. Gardner. for feed than the cash grain market the time has come when individuals, affords. Livestock also contributes to firms, and associations must go a step the stability of farming by furnish- further to contribute their share to ing an income throughout the year, by furnish market exchanges for the distributing labor more equally from standard products of the farm home season to season, and by producing as so many merchants have done in manure for increasing per acre effi- getting equipment and supplies to farms at wholesale prices. Bankers, "The yearly feed requirements for butchers, hardware stores, grocers, various kinds of livestock are roughly dry goods merchants, and club woas follows: for each horse or mule 50 men have made helpful demonstrabushels of corn or equivalent, 2 tons tions just the same as farmers and hay. I acre improved pasture; for each their families. A merchant who handdairy cow, 25 bushels corn or equi- les canned goods, preserves. jellies, valent, 2 tons hay, 2 acres improved meat and meat products is keeping pasture; for each head of beef cat- money at home and encouraging the tlc. 10 bushels of corn or equivalent, development of his own town and 1 ton hay, 3 acres improved pasture; county. Unless some of the wealth e equivalent, 1-8th acre improved pas- turned there for improvement and

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ture; for each sheep 2 bushels corn or enrichment the whole structure is Mashburn is Elected equivalent, 120 pounds hay, 1-4 acre doomed because the foundation is be-

"A hopeful sign is visible in the fact ties, regardless of vocation and pro-"The management of livestock may fession, are coming together to coun-

#### Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 10 .- Alable change, they were toward lower in the backfield next season. levels. The demand for beef steers and erally steady, but calves were weak to and Russell.

Fed steers brought \$5.00 to \$5.50 and the range in prices for grassers was from \$3.50 to \$4.00.

Fat cows were very scarce, a few small drafts moving around \$3.25 to \$3.75. Good butcher cows brought \$2.50 to \$3.00. Strongweight canners, with a cutter end, made \$2.25, with most canner sales at \$1.60 to \$2.00. No choice yearlings were here, but a few small drafts of good quality went at \$7.00 to \$7.40. Bull receipts were small, most deals being around \$2.25 to \$2.50. Desirable slaughter calves went at \$4.00 to \$4.40. The common grades sold at \$2.50 to \$3.00.

#### Cotton Receipts.

With the ginning season just about over, only 78 bales of cotton were added during the week to the receipts at Merkel for the season, bringing the total up to Thursday noon to 8,791

Eastern Star Meets Dec. 15. The Eastern Star will meet Tuesday night, Dec. 15, and the Worthy Matron will give her report from the grand lodge.

#### Predicts Roosevelt Win.

Washington, Dec. 10 .- James A. Farley, New York state comocratic would be made next week. or Roosevelt, after conferences with democratic congressmen Sunday, predicted the nomination of Roosevent for ill, noted British statesman, sailed president on the first ballot of the Saturday for a lecture tour in the democratic convention.

## To Lead 1932 Badgers

Woodrow Wilson was elected captain of the Badgers for the season just ended, at a business meeting of 424,000 farms average 60 crop acres gradually be learned by experience sel with each other and with farm the Merkel High school football team, per farm, but the total farm area in and from the help of county agents and and home agents in regard to the and Terrell Mashburn was selected as these farms varies from 20 acres to from demonstrations, but how land- wisest moves for them to make. Thus the leader of the Badger hopes in

Wilson, regular starting quarterpunting has been exceedingly good. This was his second year in football and his last year in Merkel High.

Mashburn, the captain-elect, was ineligible this season because of scholastic difficulties, but he has come out though receipts were unusually small for scrimmage the entire season. and for a mid-week market, only 1,400 no player has worked harder to make head of cattle and 500 calves being on the Badgers victorious than Terrell. offer Wednesday, the trade was slow His 184 pounds make him an ideal and where prices displayed any quot- tackle, but Coach Irvin may use him

Twelve players were awarded their yearlings was very narrow, with val- letters out of the squad of 25 men reues barely steady, compared with re- porting regularly. Those receiving the cent low levels. Cows and bulls re- coveted "M" are: Boaz, Derrick, Cade, mained unchanged. Fat calves suffer- Wilson, Middleton, Ferrier, Shouse, ed a decline of 25c. Stockers ruled gen- Toombs, Gamble, Collins, Williams

#### LOCAL BRIEFS.

More than \$63.00 has been raised up to date in the local Red Cross Membership drive and it is expected that other subscriptions and memberships will be received. J. T. Warren, Merkel representative of the Red Cross, requests The Mail to state that he still has a number of membership blanks and those desiring to enroll may see him. The dues are \$1.00.

At an early date the Merkel Fireboys will stage a benefit entertainment that promises rare fun. The full program has not been completed, but will be announced in next week's issue of The Mail, when the date of the performance will also be given.

W. W. Haynes is to be toastmaster, assisted by Supt. R. A. Burgess, for the next luncheon of the Lions club. which is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec.

#### Wheat Edict Promised.

London, Dec. 10 .- Prime Minister Ramsey MacDonald told the House of Commons Monday that a statement outlining the principle of the government's proposed wheat quota scheme

Churchill Sails For U. S. London, Dec. 10 .- Winston Church-

United States.

	SAVES FOR THE NATION s for Friday and Saturd	av
Shortening	8 pounds	630
Sugar	10 pounds	490
Syrup	pure East Texas ribbon cane	70c
Syrup	pure East Texas sorghum	60c
Flour	Extra High Patent, fully guaranteed	90c
Meal	24 pound sack	40c
Mustard	quart jar	15c
Peanut Butter pint jar		15c
Catsup	large size bottle	15c
Post Toasties		10c
Pineapple	No. 2, 2 for	25c
Pineapple	No. 1, 3 for	25c
Pork & Beans per can		6c

## Rural Community Correspondence

#### TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Massey are announcing the birth of a son on De- district game were Helen Hogue, and rain from the south the next. cember 7.

Those from here attending the funeral of Rev. Brother Pender at Abilene Monday afternoon were Mr. and HOME EC. CLUB. Mrs. J. B. Winn, Messrs. C. T. and Hubert Beckham, Tom Neil and Rev. Home Ec. club on last Wednesday U. S. Sherrill.

Mac Forrester of Big Spring was the week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Forrester.

Friends here have received announcements of the marriage of Miss Thelma Titsworth of Rankin to W. E. Coleman. They will make their home

Cull McDonald and son Earl of Ft. in the home of the former's brother, "Little Miss Jack," Friday, Dec. 18. week-end, being entertained in the

other relatives and friends.

Abilene on December 3.

Mrs. Clyde Smith and daughter, of Little Miss Jack? Phyllis, of Stanton were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith. The latter also had as their guests dred Steadman. Sunday Mrs. T. M. Smith and daugh- Jimmie, with no taste for "work," ter, Miss Ola, and Mr. and Mrs. Em- Johnie Terry. ory Jones of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott had as their Helen Hogue. week-end guests Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jackulin, (Little Miss Jack), Sallie Edwards and little son and Mrs. Cross Freeman. and little daughter of Crosbyton. Mrs. Cross was on her way to Coryell coun- ner. ty for a visit and was accompanied Paul Sanborn, his assistant, Charlie from here by Mrs. Scott's father, Mr. Howell. Adams, who has been their guest for Neena, the doctor's adopted daugh- you are in arrears, you can pay up the come, please. the past several months.

#### BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Mrs. C. R. Rutherford of Abilene honored her mother, Mrs. Bessie Billings, at her home, 226 Simmons ave- Martin. nue, with a surprise birthday dinner at six o'clock Sunday. The table and dining room were beautifully decorated in Christmas colors and the spirit of Christmas prevailed throughout the evening. Those enjoying the occasion here. were Mrs. Annie Boone, Marion Billings, Jack Bowers, Cecil Rutherford,

#### MRS. L. E. ADRIAN ENTER-TAINS.

Mrs. L. E. Adrian was a most charming hostess on Saturday afternoon to a number of ladies of the Church of Christ, naming their pastor's wife, Mrs. L. E. Carpenter, as honor guest. Games, contests, radio music and a reading by Mrs. Rado Archer were enjoyed during the afternoon and at the refreshment hour cake and hot chocolate were served to bia visited Mr. and Mrs. H. West ner, W. Kelley, J. T. Archer, R. Archer, F. Allyn, B. Winters, O. L. Reeves, J. Nalley and the honoree and host-

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST.

L. E. Carpenter, Minister. and worship 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Ladies' Bible class Thursday 2 p. m. more happy birthdays. Prayer meeting Tuesday 7 p. m. All members are urged to attend these services. Cold weathr can never affect faith, zeal nor love.

#### High School News.

CHORAL CLUB ORGANIZED.

The girls of Trent High school met last Friday afternoon and organized a Choral club.

The following officers were elected: Joella McLeod, reporter; Asha Mc-Leod, secretary; Louise Owens, president; Mrs. B. Edwards, director.

The members of the Choral club are: Fannye Vescel, Joella McLeod, Asha McLeod, Louise Owens, Victorene Bishop, Edith Hale, Helen Hogue, Helen Bright, Veda Orand, Willie Orand, Daisy Fowler, Dorothy Fowler, Mildred Steadman, Navala Hampton, Sarah Julia Johnson, Doreen Scott and Thelma Nally.

DID YOU KNOW?

-The seventh grade put on a play

-That the History club met? That Helen Hogue taught the physical geography Monday?

-That it has been raining? -That Idell Cooper started to

-That the Choral club can sing?

THE SENIORS. Last Friday afternoon Mr. Ross B. Jenkins, the Senior sponsor, took his Senior c'ass to Abilene where they saw the Abilene Eagles defeat the

Swetwater Mustangs, in the bi-district clash, with a score of 21 to 6-a score that sent the Eagles into the quarterfinals of the Texas Interscholastic Allyn and Alton Martin.

Edith Hale acted as hostess to the week-end with home folks. which carried out the color scheme her mother, Mrs. J. K. Porter. of pink and white. The table was and the table appointments were also Sunday. in pink and white.

"LITTLE MISS JACK."

The play, under the direction of Miss. home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Kliest ed better at this time. Dr. G. H. Watkins was a recent es Nona Burgess and Mary Shepherd, on South Seventh street. Sweetwater were guests of Mr. and to her rightful inheritance by a be done. Mrs. Buster Edwards on the second. strange whim of circumstances. The West Texas Baptist sanitarium at mance. How many girls would have Phillips. faced their enemies with the courage

The characters are: Maggie, a girl of the Bowery, Mil-

Julia Trevors, a mother to Jack,

Dr. Carlyle, a physician, John Ham-

ter, Asha McLeod. Aunt Kate, the doctor's sister, Wil-

Rideer, the crook, Bob Howell. Drohe, justice of the peace, Alton

Jones, politician, Fred Allyn.

#### White Church News

Rain is very common occurence

J. C. Riggan is reported as being

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Burroughs and children of Plainview were passing visitors in the P. F. West home re-

Mrs. A. M. Brown is visiting her children near Sweetwater. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fulton of Win-

ters and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Blair and sons of Noodle were visitors in the A. D. Barnes home recently.

We regret to lose Mr. and Mrs. Bradberry from our community. They are moving to Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cordell of Nu-Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. B. D. Pressley and W. M. Snow attended to business in Merkel

Miss Lena Lee Demere entertained a few of her friends Wednesday night of last week, celebrated her eighteen-Bible School 10 a. m. Preaching th birthday. Everyone reported a fine time and wished Miss Demere many

> Our school is progressing nicely, with some 50 pupils enrolled.

> Everyone is urged to remember we still have Sunday School and prayer meeting. You are invited. Come.

Saturday is Doll Day at Brown's Bargain Store. Pick your doll, pay one-fourth down and doll will be held for you till Christmas Eve.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

#### DORA DOINGS

Weather in this country is changeleague race. Those attending the bi- able-rain from the north one day Edith Hale, Fannye Vessel, Freddy Road conditions are in passably good

Misses Modenia and Novis J. Whiteaker of Castle Peak spent the

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Burrus and morning. An interesting program daughters of Plainview returned home preceded the refreshment course, Sunday after several days visit with

Rev. McDonald filled his regular marked by a centerpiece of pink roses appointment at the Methodist church The younger set enjoyed a party

at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd

Dennis Friday night. The Trent High school will present | Superintendent B. E. Dunagin and Worth were guests part of last week a four-act comedy drama, entitled, family were Abilene visitors last

guest of his uncle, J. M. Smith, and is the story of a poor, uneducated Jack Terry came in last week from waif,-who, out of the darkness of Muleshoe. He reports plenty of work Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Coppage of poverty and suffering, is brought in- but due to bad weather not much can

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lankford are shadow of grim tragedy lurked al- baby of Sweetwater were here Sunday announcing the birth of a boy at the ways behind the bright curtain of ro- visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.

> Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Perry and Mr. and Mrs. John Dudley made a business trip to Abilene last Friday.

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Per- Sunday afternoon and say where we ry of the Divide.

#### BARGAIN DAYS.

past year and extend a new year at the bargain offer of \$1.00 per year. Do it now. Offer positively expires December 31st.

BOTH FOR \$1.50.

clubbing price for the Semi-Weekly Farm News and the Merkel Mail is only \$1.50. Don't fail to renew during this time. If you want to subscribe to the Semi-Weekly Farm News, you can save one dollar by this deal.

Office supplies-Mail office.

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I must tell you that the Crazy Crystals have done me more good than all the other remedies I have ever tried. I was nervous, felt weak and run down and lacked that "pep" that is so necessary for the proper discharge of my daily tasks. My headaches are gone, my highblood pressure is down, and a slight touch of rheumatism has disap-

Signed,

W. T. Brooks Haines City, Fla.

CRAZY WATER CO. Mineral, Wells, Texas

## **Notice Poultrymen**

The Merkel Hatchery will start the 1932 Hatchery season January 2nd. Same location—same courteous service as last year.

I am in need of Hatchery Eggs for this season.

Don't forget to see me at the Merkel Poultry Show December 10-11-12.

Frank W. Irvine

#### NOODLE NEWS

We are being visited by some real winter weather.

Miss Ruby Jenkins of Merked spent | see the sun shining again. the week-end with Odessa Bicknell. preached at the Church of Christ Sun- E. Perry this week. day and Sunday night.

spent the week-end with homefolks. Miss Eleta Foster of Merkel spent

Thanksgiving in the Lucas home. Mrs. Moore of Groome, Texas, is recently. visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Spurgin.

The Thanksgiving program at the schoolhouse was well attended. Pat Sosfee of Dallas spent Thanks-

giving with home folk. sick at the home of his daughter, Mrs. low. Clarence Howard of Trent, is report-

The singing class was orgaized Fri-

#### SINGING AT STITH.

As our Fifth Sunday singing met from home and no chance to locate Evans. place of meeting for next session, I Lloyd Perry and wife of Stoker am calling all classes composing the ranch were week-end visitors with convention to meet at Stith third shall meet Fifth Sunday this month. So come everybody, bring your new From now until Dec. 31st, subscrip- 2:30. Let's have a full house and a tion price for The Merkel Mail in real singing and find out who wants Taylor and adjoining counties is only the convention Fifth Sunday. Your

Your president. Tom Spears.

5 1-2 per cent Federal Loans are Better Loans. Longer time, lower rates; plenty of money; never come From now until December 31st, the due. W. Homer Shanks, Sec'y.-Treas. Citizens N. F. L. A. Farms, Ranches. Business Property for sale or exchange. Room 1, Penney Bldg., Abi lene, Texas.

#### CANYON NEWS

Miss Mary Ellen Frazier spent last Miss Leona Sosfee of Stamford week with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Evans, of Sweetwater.

ales, N. M., were seen in our midst

We are glad to report Miss Velma Riney, who underwent an appendix operation at the Baptist sanitarium at

M. H. Henslee of the IXL community, B. N. Wheeler, who has been real who has been ill for sometime, is very

The people of the IXL community spent a pleasant day at the schoolhouse Friday of last week, the men day night with Mr. O. L. Justice going in morning and cleaning the president; Mr. Gene Spurgin, secre- school grounds and varnishing the tary. Everyone is invited to attend desks, and the ladies coming in about every Friday night at seven o'clock, twelve o'clock with the lunch. The outsiders and school boys played basketball in the afternoon.

Miss Jimmie Dell Perry spent Satin Abilene last Fifth Sunday, away urday night with Mr. and Mrs. A. B.

The Literary society will meet at Butman schoolhouse Friday night. The outsiders are to be put on a program. Everyone is invited to attend.

We wish to take this method of books, be at Stith third Sunday at thanking our many friends for their \$1.00 per year. This will save you 50 choice is mine. Also have good man filled her room and the songs sung cents, if you will renew your subscrip- in mind to serve you as president, as for her and especially do we thank tion during these three months. If this is time to elect one. Everybody Drs. Sadler and Grimes for their un-

and Children.

Rain, rain, we have had lots of rain the past few weeks and are glad to

Mrs. Irene King of Wichita Falls Brother L. E. Carpenter of Trent is visiting with Grandmother and M.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Pribble of Port- each day.

Abilene Saturday, is doing nicely. We are very sorry to hear that Mrs.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

every act of kindness shown us during the illness of our dear wife and mother, for the beautiful flowers that tiring efforts in restoring her health. May God's richest blessing rest on each and every one of you is our

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson

Robert Louis Stevenson's grandfather was Robert Stevenson, the great engineer of Scotland.

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OLD TIME SPELLING BEE.

There will be a program and an 'Old Time Speiling Bee" at the Stith school house Friday night, Dec. 11. This program is sponsored by the Stith Demonstration club, and the county agents and county judge are expected. Every mother bring one dozen cookies. No admission charge

One hundred and forty-nine persons are killed by acicdents in the U. S.



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PEP SQUAD-FOOTBALL ANQUET.

The annual football and Pep Squad banquet was held Friday, Dec. 4. Ed Turner's Cafe.

The program presented as a radio program was as follows: Broadcasting, R. B. Irvin.

Tuning In, O. J. Adcock. Professor Know It All's Radio, Jin

Patterson. "The Pep Girl," Betty Lou' Grimes.

Aerial, Imogene Middleton. The Jolly Brothers, Burneal Scott and Van Roberts.

Static: To the Badgers, Sis Boaz. Response, B. P. Middleton. To the Coach. Paul Collins. Response, R. B. Irvin.

To the Departing Heroes, Gerald Derrick. To the Team of '32, Woodrow Wil-

Signing Off, L. W. (Fats) Cran-

The banquet hall was decorated with purple and gold chrysanthemums and autumn leaves. Each table was decorated with purple and gold foot-

ball ornaments. Coach Cranfill of Simmons, who was main speaker of the evening, chose as his subject, "Football and How It Helps Boys." He gave three ways in which it develops boys, name-

ly, physically, mentally and morally. Short talks were given by each member of the football team, Pep Squad and faculty. Any school with a spirit such as was manifested Friday night is bound to win sooner or later. Watch our team go next year under the supervision of Coach Irvin PEP-SQUAD NEWS. and the leadership of Terrell Mash-

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Lest somebody else gets ahead, Where everyone works and nobody ber. shirks

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All others can do so, too. Your school will be what you want ants. Watch the Pep Squad next year!

to see, It isn't your school, it's you.

WINNING HUMAN INTEREST

to see who could write the best hum- concerning the future of our high an interest story, the students in En- school teachers, as well as various glish 10-A chose the following, written members of the Senior class.

Sensational Murder of Ex-Gangster Cleans Chicago-Letter Found in Pocket of His Coat From Daughter.

by Howard Stanley:

greatest murders that was ever com- ty of '32. mitted in first degree was done last | The first to arrive for the reunion night. "Cigarface" Malone, gambler, were Zada Bell and Elmer Adcock, was murdered between two and three who played the part of Mr. and Mrs. o'clock Thursday morning; he was an Irvin. W. M. Taylor, (senior) Marex-gangster and a friend of "Silver- ion Delmer, A. C. Sears, Clara Franguns" Smith, gangleader and king of ces Largent and Billie Bernice Gamthe underworld of Chicago.

of December 3. that a brakeman, Next came Margaret Canon as Miss stumbling around in the railroad Patterson, an old maid. Ruth Calloyards of Chicago, fell across a body. way and R. D. Ely were ushered in as It was the body of "Cigarface" Ma- Miss Lucy and her husband. Problone, ex-gangster. His head had a ably the greatest attraction of the bruised spot on it that was caused by his fall; a bullet hole was in his chest; and doctors probed a marked bullet out of his back. The slug was

om a sub-machine gun. In his pocket was found a letter om his daughter who lived in Dayon, Ohio. Seven years ago Malone quit the gangster life, and with his wife and daughter moved to Ohio. His daughter was then fourteen. Four years later-a mighty flood swept the territory around Dayton clean of nearly every living thing. He lost all of his possessions and, supposedly, his family. Malone was in New York at the time. But by some trick of fate Abilene, Texas his daughter's life had been spared. She had ridden a part of a house downstream until she had been rescued. Now "Cigarface" had started

to see his daughter. He had come through Chicago just to see some of ers. They had become farmers. Avis the "old gang," and now he was dead. Deavers, a prominent newspaper re-Some of the "old gang" had put two porter, was next. Following Avis came and two together and got the answer Mr. and Mrs. Middleton, B. P. and that Malone was a stool-pigeon for Ida, dressed as ranchers. Red Wil-

Yet, Malone had one more friend in distributed toy airplanes to the chil-Chicago. "Silver-guns" Smith, ex-con. dren. The next to greet the faculty vict, gang leader and gang world was a famous stockholder of a westking was a friend of Malone, the gam- ern bank, Ross Ferrier, Marie Stanbler. Silver ordered his guns to burn ford was greeted as a magazine salesdown the murderers of his old and lady. Following her came a movie aconly sincere friend. Before thirty-six tress, Madilene Murray. hours had elapsed, Silver's guns had but over two hundred gangsters "on class as a closing feature. Much to the the spot." His guns became known as delight of Mrs. Irvin, the class sponthe guns of living vengeance.

Then at midnight, Dec. 4, 1931, Silver-Gun Smith, in disguise, entered the largest den in Chicago, where every gangster that was not dead had gathered to plot out some way to get | class): "Ross, what did the American walked to the bar, ordered a drink France?" and then threw a bottle, that looked empty, against the wall. Then, the great den's walls seemed to part in the middle, toppled and crashed in. Over five hundred gangsters were in the building and not a living person escaped. Silver-Guns Smith had thrown a bottle of nitro-glycerine against the wall!

"Silver-Gun" Smith, dreaded outlaw and underworld king, died like a man, loyal to his old friend. For, when he had blown up the famous den, he killed his partner's murderer.

"Cigar-face" Malone is avenged, and, for the first time since it was es. tablished, Chicago is clean of gang-

Good things do not last always! It is this way with the Pep Squad. Since football season is now over, naturally, the Pep Squad has disbanded. The Pep Squad this year has been one of the best M. H. S. has ever known. Every member has enjoyed yelling for the "dear ole Badgers;" every member has done his best in every You'll find only what you left behind son has been much too short, because this is the last time they will ever be It's a knock at yourself, when you in a high school pep squad.

To Miss Patterson, who was the sponsor, the Pep Squad owes everything. It was by her guidance and leadership that the Pep Squad came to the front. Her untiring loyalty to the squad is appreciated by every mem-

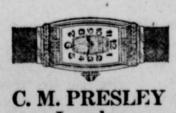
At the Pep Squad-football banquet the leader for next year were announced. Miss Thelma Leach is main leader, with Caribel Mansfield and Billie Bernice Gambill as her asist-

SENIORS ENTERTAIN IN CHAPEL.

Last Friday morning the Seniors manifested a complete disregard of In a contest held among the Juniors convention, and set forth some ideas

Paul Collins, class president, acted as interpreter for the pantomime of the class. The scene was laid in a banquet hall of Merkel, twenty years from Friday, Dec. 4, 1931. The program was given in the form of a re-Chicago, Ill.,-Probably one of the union of the Senior class and facul-

bill, all Freshmen, impersonated the It was on a dark and misty morning children of Coach and Mrs. Irvin.



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program was her children: Sis Boaz. Caribel: "How many subjects are H. C. Toombs, Nelle Durham, Lela you carrying?" Jack P.: "I'm carrying one and Patterson and Robert Manscill. Cedragging three around." phus Wozencraft and Ola Ellen Smith hobbled in as Mr. and Mrs. Burgess.

Following the faculty came mem-

bers of the Senior class. Mr. and Mrs.

Moore, Monta Jr., and Lona, calmly

walked in and greeted their old teach-

liams, a famous flyer, came in and

The school song was sung by the

sor, and surprise of Paul, the pro-

gram was claimed a great success.

Ross: " Lafayette, heah we am."

Miss Patterson: "Sit up, Jack!".

Where do you feel worse?"

Jack: "In algebra class."

defeat the greatest number?"

our last six-weeks test."

Jack Stanford: "I don't feel well."

Miss Patterson: "That's too bad.

Miss Martin: "When did Caesa

Billie Bernice: "The day we tool

Judge: (to prisoner suing for di Mary E. Grimes primly walked in im. vorce) "How long have you lived in personating Miss Julia Martin. Albert | the State of Texas?" Cade, as Mr. Riddle, slouched in wear-

Prisoner: "Three years, your hon-

Judge: "And how long have you lived in the state of matrimony?" Prisoner: "That's the only state in

the U. S. that I haven't lived in,

Lois Whiteley: "Why does a blonde marry before a brunette?" Wanda Hunter: "Because she's light-headed."

SAY, DID YOU KNOW-

your honor."

-That that little Boaz boy likes to talk to that little Whiteley girl?

-That the Freshmen are more dignified than the Seniors?

-That "Sis" believes that if she is good from now until Christmas, Santa Claus will come to see her?

-That A C. Sears says: "Either winning or losing. Santa Claus or the teachers don't know their business, because last have gone this year, they have re- can save one dollar by this deal. year I made terrible deportment grades and Santa Claus brought me Mr. Riddle (in American history more than ever before?"

-That Miss Martin expects better the king of the underworld. Smith soldiers say when they landed in behavior from her Freshmen since Christmas is so near at hand?

-That Of all the teachers, The one we love best Is the one who gives

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

An easy test?

The Sophs are going high and have plenty of pep, you know, because Caribel, one of our members, was elected pep leader.

Football season is over and the Sophs are proud of what our (Soph-

omore) players have done toward ceived many nice compliments on their playing this year and helping win the games that have been won. We are expecting a large per cent of Sophomores on the basketball team this year, and we are hoping the team will er Roscoe, but everyone of the Bedbe a great success.

FAREWELL TO FOOTBALL SEASON OF "'31-'32."

The Badgers bade farewell to their football "togs" this morning. They are now closing the season for '31-'32. It is sad to see some of the dear old Badgers hand in their suits because we know this will be the last time they will play with the Badgers of Merkel High.

We know our Badger team is small and has not won very many victories, but we love them and will back them anytime, anywhere, and any way. They have had several hard opponents this year, but this did not inter-

old spirit and cleanliness.

We were sorry the Badgers could not end the season with a victory ovgers did his part and this is all anyone could do. It was certainly a good game, although we did not win. The score was 27 to 0.

We are expecting a good team next year. We are sure our captain for next year, Terrell Mashburn, will lead the Badgers of '32-'33 forward.

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#### **Personal Mention**

over to Fort Worth Sunday to visit I congratulate him on having Meanwhile, the controversy over her sister.

Fort Worth spending several days work." with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee of Sweet- Snell, Garner said: water were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee.

ger were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Angus.

en guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas and olina, dean of the democrats with 18. Mrs. J. A. Milliken visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hamilton at Loraine.

Her many friends will be glad to know that Mrs. J. H. Grayson is able to be up and about the house again after an extended illness.

Mrs. Nannie Causseaux has returned from a visit to Dallas. She was accompanied by Paul, who went on to San Antonio from there.

Mrs. E. P. Earhart and children and Elbert Drester, of Lubbock, were among these who came for the funer-

al of the late B. M. Black. Mrs. Vennie Green, worthy matron of the Merkel chapter of the Eastern Star, has returned from attending the meeting of the grand chapter at Hous-

ton. Sheriff Burl Wheeler and Mrs. Wheeler were over from Abilene among those who came to attend the funeral of Thomas F. Compton Tuesday afternoon.

J. S. Thomas is spending the week in Austin in the home of his cousin, Dr. J. C. Anderson, state health officer. where a reunion of brothers and cousins is being enjoyed.

Mrs. S. G. Vaughan has returned to town after a delightful week's stay on the Butman ranch. While there, she attended the Thanksgiving entertainment given by the Butman school, which reflected great credit to the teachers, Misses Laura Wallis and Inez Seby.

#### Speaker Garner

(Continued from Fage One.) ton W. Sumners of Dallas; Sam Rayburn of Bonham; and Marvin Jones of Amarillo. All three have seen long service in congress.

A liberal attitude toward the problems will characterize the work of each of the three men, past records would indicate.

BOTH PARTIES CHEER.

Because of the close political division, party whips brought every member possible into the chamber for the speakership balloting. The galleries were crowded, and scores of people stood on their toes to peep in on the proceedings. Garner stood by the brass rail in back of the democratic side. Snell stood near the republican cloak room.

Representative Arnold of Illinois. chairman of the democratic caucus, nominated the Texan. Snell was nominated by Representative Hawley of Oregon, chairman of the republican conference.

Announcement of the Texan's victory brought both democrats and republicans to their feet, shouting and cheering. Garner was escorted down the middle aisle to the speaker's rostrum by Representative Rainey of Illinois, democratic leader, Representative Byrus, Tennessee, democratic Byrus, Representatives Snell and Tilson of Connecticut.

Snell took up a gavel of mesquite wood, sent to Garner by West Texas friends, and said:

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speaker, is exceptionally well quali- more than 32 years in the house, ad-Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jenkins drove speakers of the present generation. the oath to the membership. Mrs. J. J. Stallings is here from and wish him every success in his tled.

Mr. and Mrs. Esker Curtis of Ran- that you have expressed in me.

"I am not unmindful of the responsibilities and with the coop-Adams and Jeet Wilcox of Palestine. hope also of the entire membership Mrs. E. J. Kostris of Putnam and of the house-I hope to perform the her father, J. D. Jones, were week- duties of the office acceptably to all."

OATH ADMINISTERED. Representative Pou of North Car- ing to see the 4-act play at Trent Dec.

fied to fill that position and I pre- ministered the oath of office to Gardict he will make one of the great ner. The speaker then administered

reached the goal of his ambition the republican leadership was set-

Representative Tilson of Con-Upon receiving the gavel from necticut, leader in the last three houses, had resigned and nominat-"I am deeply grateful and sin- ed Snell for the post. Snell won out cerely appreciate the confidence over Tilson for the party's speakership nomination.

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SALMON, Nile tall can	10c
MINCE MEAT, package	11c
COFFEE, R & W, 1 lb. 37c, 2 lb.	73c
BRAN FLAKES, R & W, package	10c
OATS, B & W, package	21c
SOAP, R & W Naptha, 3 bars	10c
FLOUR, R & W, 48 lb. sack	\$1.05
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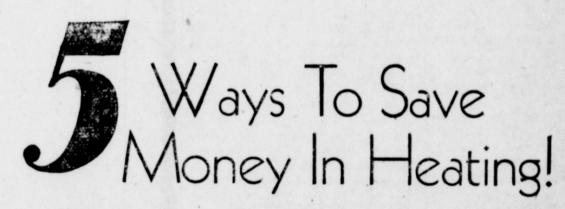
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