### 184 PUPILS ON **HONOR ROLL OF PUBLIC SCHOOL**

High School Led by Aline Mc-Aninch, Clifton Bellamy and Averaging 96.

One hundred and eighty-four students of the Merkel Public schools by as chairman, is arranging a promade the honor roll for the second six gram of music and songs for a Christweeks period just ended. There were mas celebration on Saturday evening, 192 on the honor roll for the first six December 22. On the program commitweeks of the session.

Of the 184 students on the honor roll for the current period, 55 are from High school and 129 from Grammar school.

In the Righ school three students, Aline McAninch, Clifton Bellamy and Juanita Huskey, each averaged 96 for the highest grade.

The Seniors again led classes of the High school with 23 of their number making the roll.

The following students are on the honor roll for the second six weeks sanitarium Wednesday noon for an

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

First Grade, Mrs. Nash. (Continued on Page Seven)

#### Sweaters Awarded to Fourteen '34 Badgers

teen Badgers at the Pep Squad ban- 1911. quet Friday night. Those lettering He is survived by his wife and five were: Bussie Boaz, captain, four years;

Coach Irvin will lose eight of these and one half-brother, Johnny Jacobs. players and probably nine from next | Mr. Gilmore made his residence in in due to graduation.

as co-captain.

#### Noodle All-Stars Beat Merkel Exes

\$19.70, were donated to help the Bad- by Mr. Click, also of Merkel, ger lettermen get sweaters.

for the lone touchdown in the early begin at 2:30 p. m. part of the third quarter. Nice block- Last Sunday Billy Burke, owned ing of his team-mates paved his pro- by T. J. Moore, was the winner. Time, man."

#### PLAN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ABOUT LIGHTED TREE

Charman Bill Haynes and members of his committee from the Lions club were to meet with President Charlie Greenville and Corsicana to Meet Jones Thursday afternoon to complete plans for an illuminated Christ-Juanita Huskey, All Three mas tree to occupy the intersection of Elm and Edwards street. Members of the committee are Fred Hughes and Yates Brown.

A second committee, with J. O. Lustee are Charlie Jones and Roy Reid.

#### Lloyd W. Gilmore, 41, Is Claimed by Death

This community was shocked and saddened Thursday morning when the news spread that Lloyd W. Gilmore, age 41, had died at the West Texas sanitarium, Abilene, at an early hour that morning. He was carried to the operation for appendicitis, with other complications.

Funeral services were to be held at Dorman Clark, 95; Lora Pearl Hay- 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the nes, 95; Doris Jean Dudley, 95; Jam- Church of Christ, conducted by Flavil es Roy Baccus, 94; James Griswold, R. Yeakley, minister, assisted by Rev. 94; Zedie Glynn Johnson, 94; Lucile R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Burial was to be at Rose Hill cemetery, with the Masons in charge.

Mr. Gilmore was born in Wilson county, Tenn., and came to Texas with his parents in 1901, settling near Sweaters were presented to four- Dallas. They came to West Texas in

children, three daughters and two sons: Lucille, 15, Junior, 13, Robert Cal McAninch, Louis Carson, Robert Erwin, 10, Dorris Ruth 8 and Della-Higgins, Oscar Adcock, Charles Tip marie 3; his mother, Mrs. C. E. Jacton, two years; Zerk Robertson, Bud obs, and step-father, C. E. Jacobs; Gambill, R. T. Blair, Joe Cook, Willie two sisters, Mrs. R. N. Campbell, Mer B. Toombs, Ben Sublett, Waymon kel, and Mrs. Stella Gaulden, Celeste; Richards and Victor Joyner, one year. one brother, Roy Gilmore, Brownwood,

#### Rabbit Races Sunday Abilene Circle Track

The Noodle All-Stars hung up a 6-0 | For the coming Sunday on the metest had been postponed from Thanks- cluded in the entries will be a new tour. giving day on account of inclement black dog from Merkel entered by weather. Proceeds of the game, Red Lackey and other dogs entered

There will be plenty of excitement

27 1-5 seconds.

### **MERKEL20 YEARS AGO**

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, December 18, 1914.)

BRONCHO BUSTING IN RAIN SATURDAY.

he weather been fair.

140-foot start. Claude McGehee was first and tied his goat in 33 seconds. As advertised the broncho busting His exhibtion of roping was exceptiongoat roping took place here Sat- ally good, catching the goat with a but owing to the light rain neat loop but fumbled in his tying. started falling just before the His record should have been much opened the crowd was greatly lower than 33 seconds, had he tied ed to what it would have been with the same speed he roped. Claude Sears was second and got out in 49 contest was held in the Warnick seconds, after having missed the two bordering town on the north. loops. Thinking he would be out of st show of the evening started time he started to return to the app Green drew No. 1 and starting line when someone called for ed to ride the first bad horse. him to continue. His next throw was t rain had made the turf a nice one and his speed in tying k and the second jump the alone got him second money. Ralph de he missed his footing and (Shorty Jr.) Bigham won third with m in trying to execute a a time of 51 seconds. Ralph's time stepping stunt. As result was also good, considering the conpinned under his horse for ditions he roped under. His horse was but not hurt. Mark Malone not trained to the work and gave the next rider but drew a horse rider considerable trouble in followld not pitch. Ben Howell of ing a fast running goat. However, wed and was given first Ralph got his the first loop after having given "Old Bally" having made a good 300-yard run and Vance Cotton was the tied with good speed. Homer Laney evening and gave the was scroudged off the third prize 1934. tors a riding exhibi- money but made the next best time Howell's. However, of 1:06, having hard luck with his e fell with him twice first loop and a bad horse to rope was given second from. He was like Bigham in having to ening service at the Church of Christ After visiting the southwest part run his goat over a 5-acre ranch to was preached by a visitor, Frank of the county Saturday, they will be

### **QUARTER FINAL** ROUND IN HIGH SCHOOL RACES

Friday in Outstanding Contest; Amarillo-Big Spring Game at Lubbock.

focused on the four bi-district championship games of the Texas Interscho-

The outstanding game will be the Corsicana-Greenville battle, which brings together state champions of the last two years. This game will be play- troglycerin killed Charlie Price, an

ed Friday at Greenville. The other Friday game will be between Houston Jeff Davis and Cor- Pampa. pus Christi at Corpus Christi.

Scheduled for Saturday are: Dallas illo vs Big Spring at Lubbock.

Results of the first round games her face. last week were:

Highland Park 12, Vernon 7. Corsicana 26, Athens 13.

Greenville 47, Longview 6. Corpus Christi 10, Thomas Jefferson, San Antonio, 9.

Masonic Home, 32, Dallas Tech 0. Amarillo 19, Ranger 14, Big Spring 19, El Paso 7.

Jefferson Davis, Houston, 27, Beau-REGION FOUR FINAL.

Rock Springs, champions of districts 17 and 12 by reason of their defeat of Fort Stockton 13-6, and Roby Lions, who took the decision from Winters, a 6-6 tie, on penetrations and captured the bi-district title of districts 13 and 16, will play Friday of this week at San Angelo. This will schools go in the state race.

#### Will Tell Story of Byrd's Anarctic Trip night.

Robert Higgins will captain the as an occupation, his farm being loca- Admiral Byrd's secretary, will bring Mary's Law School, was accidentally 1935 Badgers, with Zerk Robertson ted on Mulberry creek on the Mt. the story of the first Byrd Antartic hunting. A companion mistook him Merkel Grammar School auditorium patch of brush. at 11:15 a. m. on December 20.

victory over Merkel High school exes chanical circle track of the Abilene Antarctic and back, his right hand and saw his idol fall in battle and in the benefit game played on the Lone Star Greyhound Racing track man through every minute of that in- who wept as he watched General Robhigh school field Friday. The conentered against the Texas dogs. In- Byrd's 1930 transcontinental lecture answered the final roll call Friday.

wrote: "I handed these (sealed instructions left at the base preparatory to the admiral's taking off on Scott, Noodle fullback, received a and anyone wishing to enter dogs is his epic flight over the South Pole) punt in mid-field and ran sixty yards asked to bring them over. The races to Lofgren who had served the expedition faithfully and well, and than 000 bales below the 1928-32 average whom there is no finer or truer

## W. G. Cypert Reported

W. G. Cypert, who suffered an attack of temporary paralysis December 6. was reported greatly improved Thursday morning. While still confined to his home, his attending physician stated that he would probably be able to be up and around within a few days.

Two children, L. R. Cypert of Dallas and Mrs. Neil Smith of Lubbock, who came to be at his bedside, have returned home.

Pie Supper.

There is to be a pie supper Friday night of this week at the Union Ridge Methodist church. The public is invited. This pie supper is sponsored by year. the P. T. A. and Home Demonstration club and the proceeds are to be used Gov't Agents to Buy in screening and putting in window lights in the Methodist church.

#### Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case, Thursday, December 6, 1934. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Derstine Friday, December 7, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Swineey. Butman, Monday, December 10,

Visiting Minister Preaches. The sermon for the Wednesday ev-

Abilene Christian college, Abilene.

### KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Bohn Hilliard, University of Texas halfback, was awarded the Houston Fost's trophy for the southwest conference's most valuable player.

A meeting of the state democratic executive committee will be held at Houston December 22, Myron G. Bla-Texas' football interest this week is lock, chairman, announced Tuesday.

> John H. Crooker of Houston was elected grand master of the Grand first. Lodge of Texas, A. F. & A. M., to

The explosion of 200 quarts of niindependent oil well "shooter," and

of Coleman county for 36 years and outstanding as a lawyer and jurist, died Wednesday at his home in Coleman after a year's illness.

J. H. (Cyclone) Davis of Sulphur veteran of more than a half century ter. of political battles, has announced he will be a candidate for governor of Texas in 1936.

Irvin (Blackie) Thompson, sought since July when he escaped from the death house of the Texas penitentiary, was overtaken and slain by 10 Amarillo officers after a desperate chase Thursday night.

be the last game for both clubs as re- one of the greatest fortunes west of December 6, was returned by the the catalogue and show possible this gional title is as far as Class B the Mississippi river, head of a vast grand jury of 104th district court in year and they urge further co-operoil and cattle empire, and builder of the final report for the term Friday tion in attendance and enthusiasm Arlington Downs, died at his home in afternoon of last week. Rivercrest, Fort Worth, Tuesday

Clifford M. Forster, San Antonio Lieut, Charles E. Lofgren, Rear- attorney and professor in the St. expedition in an appearance at the for a deer when he stepped from a ic are invited to be present. The pro- Weather Observer Grover Hale.

Admiral Byrd from the beginning of former city alderman and former secretary. the Byrd Antarctic expedition, per- county commissioner, who served unsonnel officer of the actual trip to the der General Jackson in the Civil war

#### In his "Little America," Byrd Crop 5,000,000 Bales Under 5-Year Average

Washington, Dec. 13 .- The 1934 cotton crop was approximately 5,000,the department of agriculture reported December 8.

The final estimate of the year Considerably Improved placed production at 9,731,000 bales, an increase of 87,000 above the last previous estimate of Nov. 1. The average production on 27,412,000 acres harvested was 169.2 pounds.

The crop this year was 3,316,000 bales below that of last year and 4,-925,000 bales under the average of the 1928-32 production. It was substantially below the Bankhead tax-free limit of 10,460,251.

The Texas cotton crop was forecast at 2,395,000 bales. This production compares with 4,428,000 bales in 1933 and 4,500,000 bales in 1932.

Texas ginnings prior to December 1 were reported at 2,177,000 running bales, as compared with 4,037,000 bales ginned to the same date last

## Cattle Here Monday

Approximately one-third of Taylor county's second allotment of cattle-3,500 head-remained to be purchased, according to a statement released from the office of County Agent Heald Wednesday.

Thursday agents in the buying campaign were to be at Shep, Moro, Drasco and Valley Creek, and Friday they will buy at the government pens

the evening was the catch him. Others roped but none Traylor, who is a junior student at in Merkel Monday, according to present schedule.

#### WORK STARTS ON NEW HOME DANDY BAKERY

Foundation ditches were started Wednesday morning for the new home of the Dandy Bakery, next door west of the postoffice.

Al McGehee has purchased ground space measuring 25x75 feet, on which he will erect a hollow tile, plastered structure, with a front in white brick. Wade Campbell, local contractor, has charge of the work, which is ex-

#### succeed W. S. Cooke of Fort Worth. Leonard Reeves, 22, Dies at Brownwood | night

Word was received by friends here blew his truck to bits Monday near Thursday morning of the death of Leonard Reeves, age 22, son of Mr. The body of a woman registered and Mrs. L. B. Reeves, former resi- pens, Admission to the show will be Highland Park vs Fort Worth Mas- as Mrs. C. Creak, New York City, was dents of Merkel, at Brownwood Wed- free to everybody. onic home at Fort Worth, and Amar- found in an Li Paso hotel room with nesday. A case of "flu" that develop- A new ruling as laid down by the a chloroform saturated cloth across ed into pneumonia was the cause of association for this year's show will death. Funeral was to be held at make one male and two females con-Judge J. O. Woodward, 79, resident Brownwood at 4 o'clock Thursday af- stitute a pen. Heretofore, one male

father here when the latter was Texas, has been again selected judge manager of the local office of the and will be on hand to do the judg-Southwestern Bell Telephone company, and won many friends by his Springs, now in his 80th year and manly and upright traits of charac- to press and will be out in a few days.

by one brother.

#### Negro Indicted in Walls Stabbing Case

An indictment charging Ellis Car- this show. michael, negro, with murder in connection with the stabbing of J. E. officers wish to thank all merchants W. T. Waggoner, 82, founder of Walls, pioneer Abilene resident, on and subscribers who have made both

day's report, bringing the total for the current term to 46.

Lofgren was secretary to Rear- William Barr of Fort Worth, lis is president and Buster Horton, inches, this brings the year's figure to

### TIME NEARING FOR 5TH ANNUAL **POULTRY SHOW**

Will Be a Four Day Affair, January 9, 10, 11 and 12; J. W. Richards of Weatherford To Serve As Judge.

Plans for the lifth annual show of pected to be completed by January the Merkel Poultry association to be held the second week in January were completed at a meeting of the association held at the city hall Tuesday

The dates of the show are January 9, 10, 11 and 12 and the show will be open to the world as far as the entries are concerned. Entrance fees are 25 cents on singles and \$1.00 on

and four females made up a pen. Leonard was associated with his | J. W. Richards of Weatherford,

ing both Thursday and Friday. The catalogues have already gone All subscribers will be mailed a cata-Besides his parents, he is survived logue and to any one else who is interested and makes the request of the

secretary of the club. Last year some 304 birds were entered and Secretary Castle B. Elils says that all indications are that there will be that many or more for

President R. A. Ellis and the other

#### Eighteen bills were included in Fri- Merkel Section Gets Another Quarter Inch

Taylor County singers will meet in was again visited by a light rain, called session at Cedar Gap Sunday. measuring a quarter of an inch ac-All singers and lovers of gospel mus- cording to the gauge of Volunteer gram will begin at 2 p. m. Wade Wil- Added to the previous total of 12 1-2

# 64 BRUCE BART

12 3-4 inches.

PAUL WRITES A MESSAGE. The work was going well everywhere, even in Thessalonica! And they hoped Paul would come back! Eagerly Paul called for parchment and, with Timothy as a volunteer stenographer, he

dictated a letter to send back to Thessalonica. He told them how he had left with his two companions, but on reaching Athens had changed his mind and sent Silas and Timothy back:

Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone;

And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellow-labourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you.

It almost killed him to think that they might have forsaken their faith. But they had not; they were standing fast. But when Timotheus came from you unto us, and

brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you:

Therefore, brethren, we are comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith: For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.

So he dictated, fast as Timothy could write, and sent the letter by a messenger going north from Corinth. He put in sundry exhortations, a little doctrinal teaching, and started the message forth on its eventful journey. He did not know that he had begun a new Bible. He never suspected that this impetuously composed first letter to the Thessalonians was to be the first volume in a new sacred library. But it was; and this is the way the New Testament began.

He had to write a second letter to the Thes alonians to answer some questions growing out of the first one. These letters were lent to near-by churches and copied and read to the congregations. Paul heard how widely they were used and so he wrote more and more. He had learned to supplement the living voice with the written page. If he were at work to-day he would not

only preach; he would be a regular contributor to the press. After eighteen months in Corinth he went back to Jerusalem and gave account of his second missionary journey. He had a string of new churches through Asia Minor, Macedonia and Greece. He had developed his method, and he was happy in the knowledge of a great success. He learned that in Galatia, in Asia. Minor, where he had established churches, he had been followed by fundamentalists who were telling the people that Paul was not really an apostle; that he possessed no real authority; that the good news was defective because he did not teach the Mosaic law.

Next Week: Paul Scores Fundamentalists.

### PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling and was appointed publicity director. family, Mr. and Mrs. E. Strawn and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and family spent an enjoyable day Sunday at Lake Abilene.

Mesdames Cecil Rutherford, Rose Humphries and Bess Billings of Abilene visited friends and relatives here Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. E. Nemir, accompanied by Miss Anna Laura Allyn visited in Roscoe and Sweetwater the first part of last week.

Rev. W. H. Howell and family have moved back to their home in Abilene. This fine family will be greatly missed, Brother Howell will fill his regular appointment first and third Sunday here.

Mrs. Ewell Rutherford and little daughter are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith.

Mrs. Rose Edwards was carried to

week with Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. | may come before the meeting. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Roberts of Guymer's brother, J. P. Roberts, and paper. There's a message in every one

Clifford Estep has gone to Grosland were he has work. His wife and little daughter will visit with her parents through the Christmas holidays and then will join him there.

Mesdames A. Williamson and C. C. Stribling and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Robinson attended the Baptist workers meeting at Merkel last Thursday. or 61.

Rev. D. G. Reid and wife of Roby were guests last Wednesday of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S.

Mrs, Mollie Williams went to Avoca Tuesday for a visit of several .

Mesdames A. C. Wash, H. Ogletree | and John Payne attended the council . meeting and party given by the demonstration clubs Saturday afternoon . at the Abilene High school building. | •

W. O. W. CIRCLE.

Officers for the ensuing year have . . . . . . . . . . . been named by Woodmen of the World circle, Grove No. 668, Trent. Mrs. Jannie B. Garner, district manager from Colorado, presided at the business meeting when officers were elec-

The official slate: guardian; Agnes Burks, past guardian; Madge Crane, advisor; Ada Stevens, chaplain; Hattie Gafford, attendant; Minnie Eula McLeod, inner sentinel; Grace Cooper, outer sentinel; Lucy Steen, banker; and Flora

TRENT NEWS AND Broun, Lula Bishop and Minnie Hale,

Mrs. Lila Rea, guardian of Merkel grove, was special guest. Mrs. Payne

PUBLIC NOTICE.

To all concerned, citing City Ordinance No. 3, which deals with the closing on Sunday at 9 out. a. m. of those merchants who handle perishable foodstuffs.

This warning is not for the purpose of accusing any speci- bolls. fied place of business but to call your attention to the fact that the closing at 9 a. m. henceforth will be strictly enforced.

Very respectfully. W. M. Elliott, Mayor. Chester Hutcheson, City Marshal.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Farm-Temple Monday for treatment at ers State Bank in Merkel, Merkel. Scott and White's sanitarium. Her Texas, will be held at the office of son, Curley, and his wife accompan- said bank the second Tuesday in January, 1935, being the 8th day of the Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor and month at 4 o'clock p. m. for the purbaby daughter have returned to their pose of electing directors for the enhome in Groesbeck after a visit of a suing year and such other business as

W. L. Diltz, Cashier.

Read the advertisements in this of them that may enable you to save meney. At least you will know where to find-what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29

#### TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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



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#### CANYON BRIEFS

We have had splendid rans in this community and several farmers have tarted their plows.

The Nubia Singing class is coming on fine with the new books. Everyone is invited to attend and help them for the beautiful floral offerings.

have been in the Trent community the past week visiting and pulling

An enjoyable day was spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L Perry when Bobby Glen Peterson was honored with a birthday dinner. Saveral nice and useful gifts were presented to him. The guests were Mrs. Laura Neill and family, Mrs. J. J. Griggs and family of Blair, Mrs.

Lucy Scott and Mr. and Mrs. C. A Griggs and family.

CARD OF THANKS.

our gratitude to our friends who were so kind to us in our dark hours; also

We shall ever hold your thoughtful-Evelyn and Jimmie Dell Perry ness dear in our remembrance. Mrs. Bessie Derstine and Children, Brother and Sisters.



#### RACES

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## THE BADGER WEEKLY

### FOOTBALL PEP SQUAD BANQUET **PROVES SUCCESS**

On Friday evening, December 7, 1954, one of the big events of the year took place. The Pep Squad gave the The building was decorated in purple and gold and the football theme was carried out throughout the evening. Candles were lighted and the invoca- our Senior class, we are glad that he tion was given by Mr. Herbert Patter- is a member of our group. We don't

ress, took charge and gave a toast to see you in your cap and gown on gradthe Fep Squad of '35. The new leader, uation day. Betty Grimes, gave a response. Betty announced her assistant leaders, Mary Frances Cook and Opal Buzbee, Several interesting toasts were given.

Captain Boaz announced the new captain of '35 along with his toast to relation does he have?" Badgers of '35. Robert Higgins is to be the captain of '55 and Zerk Robert- slow pup." son is co-captain of the Badger team. Mr. Irvin, coach, presented the foot-

talks were made by each boy. Mr. Wilkes Little of Abilene gave a very interesting address and recall- seals." ed several instances to our minds

about football games and jokes. Joy Frances West, the Pep Squad's

mascot, gave a bow to the Pep Squad and said she enjoyed the turkey. The football season of '34 was end-

ed by singing "Pep, Pep, Pep."

#### JUST SOAKS.

I sez, "Ain't these football sweaters just the dope? We jist gotta git us a little boy-friend in one of them cute little purple and gold sweaters. They're jist the hot stuff-so romantic nd dignified-lookin'."

#### The Badger Weekly

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior class of '35-Mrs. R. B. Irvin, Sponsor.

#### The Staff:

Assistant Editor-Clara Frances

Largent. Society Editor-Vivian Davis. Sports Editor-Lloyd Robertson. Joke Editor-Joe Earl Lassiter.

#### **Our Seniors**

Vivian Davis. Vivian is good-natured, industrious and intelligent. She is a very able president of the Dramatic club and she is a member of the Choral club. She accomplishes much while others are meditating and weighing matters. Vivian, keep your present work up, football boys their annual banquet, and we will be proud of you some day,

Although Etsel is a new pupil in know what Etsel thinks about Mer-The turkey and dressing was then kel High school, for he is quiet and

Etsel Farmer: "What relation does a yellow pup have to an incline."

Garth Odom: "I don't know, What

Etsel Farmer: "The yellow dog is a

Stanley Toombs: "Jack, I want ball boys their sweaters and short to give you a Christmas present." Jack Davis: "Yea! What is it?" Stanley Toombs: "Some Red Cross

> Jack Davis: "Say, that's a new one on me; you'd better give me directions as to how to feed them."

I went out with a party of 75 last

Jannell Black: "You did? Well, speaker." how did you manage to get by your | Junior Grimes: "I sure do like this

dad with it?" Pauline Joyner: "Oh, he was my grandfather."

Thelma Mathews: "Well, I hear you still go out with your sugar papa

every night." Hazel Blair: "Yea, that's right, but he's not a sugar papa any more."

Thelma Mathews: "Why? What happened to him?" Hazel Blair: "Oh, I crystalized him one night."

Mr. Riddle (amelling of his food). Alvin Wozencraft: "I think some-

hing is wrong with the food." Mr. Riddle: "Yea, everything that Editor-in-Chief-Mary Helen Lan. I have eaten in here has been weak as an infant."

Alvin Wozencraft: "Hey, Monroe, turn that piece of limberger cheese loose and let it walk in here to the customer. That'll be strong enough for

### BASKETBALL PRESENT TALK MERKEL HIGH

Football for the 1934 season is a thing of the past. With the going of the season goes eight of Coach Irvin's than day rate. best players. Bussie Boaz, four year letterman and captain, will leave a hard place to fill. Along with Boaz, car Adcock, Joe Cook, Ben Sublett mal that can be skinned more than and Charles Tipton. Prospects for the once. (Ask him how he knows.) 1935 season seem to be a good one. Fourteen lettermen were awarded Press is a new kind of pants pressturned into hash by our Badger team, keeps his thoughts to himself. Work sweaters at the banquet Friday night ing machine. Billie Bernice Gambill, toastmist- hard, Etsel, because we would like to with six of the fourteen coming back

> Basketball started last week with Birds call, a large group of boys reporting. Only Marks fall, two lettermen will be back this year. Babies bawl, Zerk Robertson and Bussie Boaz. Prospects for this year are good because of a large number that have transfered to this school from some other

The team will be led again this year by Boaz, who has been captain Turkeys fry, for the last two years.

Thursday night Coach Irvin will take his Cagers to Hamlin for a game with the Hamlin Pied Pipers.

#### APPRECIATION.

(By Football Boys.) Some of the bright lights of the

Pauline Joyner: "Well, you know, football, and Pep Squad banquet were: Joe: "Glad we have an early start." Kit: "That was a 'jam-up' good

Bussie: "There's lots of air in those balloons, I'll bet." Cal: "Oh, this is my napkin."

Oscar: "Gee, the speaker has 'purty' wife."

R. T.: "Do I have to take you home after the banquet?" Zerk: "My kingdom for a true, old-

fashioned girl." Ben: "My plate was too big or my stomach too small."

Bud: "And it went off with B-A-N-G!" Charlie: "Wish I could smile like

Yes, we the Badgers of '34 wish to hank each Pep Squader for the best banquet in the history of Merkel High

First in peace, First in war, First in the aisle. First out the door.

#### Campusology

Joe Cook: "Laugh and the world laughs with you, smile and you're called a flirt."

Crash Carsn: "Girls are all alike, each one says she's different."

Bud thinks that nitrate is cheaper

Harold Reese (our modern Tennyson) says it is better to go to High school than never to have slept at all. goes Louis Carson, Cal McAninch, Os- | Waymon says that a man is an ani-

Oscar thinks that the Associated

SIGNS OF THE SEASON.

Boys fight, Mosquitoes bite,

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umberjacks chop, Santa stops, Thermometer drops,

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"Did you see me mount thish car? asked Jack. "No," answered the lady, not wish-

ing to talk to a drunkard. "Then how did you know it wash me?" asked Jack.

STUDENT CLASS YELLS. Sophomores: Rah! Rah! Rah! Juniors: Bah! Bah! Bah! Seniors: Ha! Ha! Ha! Fish: Ma! Ma! Ma!

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#### PERSONALS

Miss Lola Reidenbach of Mulberry canyon spent Monday with Miss Elva King.

Mrs. Blanche Brooks of Okiahoma City is visiting her sister, Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth.

Wilkes Holden returned Thursday of last week from a visit with relatives at Littlefield.

Mrs. Bob Watters of Monahans and her mother, Mrs. Rufie Diltz of Abilene, are guests in the Philip Diltz

Mrs. Raymond Demere has just returned from Arlington, Calif., where she has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Franks.

S. A. Coates returned Saturday from a visit of some ten days with his two sons, Sidney B. and Ansel Coates, at Fort Worth.

Mrs. H. C. Williams returned Wednesday from a visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. Q. Warren, at Knox City

Dr. and Mrs. N. J. Smith were over from Anson Tuesday for a visit with Frazier, 91; M. H. Farmer, 91. their son, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith, and grandsen, Jackie Smith,

Mrs. R. L. Adecek, who was ac companied by J. L. Cax, drove to WARREN SCHOOL Waco last Friday to being her daughter, Miss Frances home, returning honor roll at the Warren school: Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace had as ma Lee Finch, 92. their guests Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Chester Miller and son and Mr. Mill- chell Chancy, 92. er's mother from Ranger. Mr. Miller is a cousin of Mr. Wallace.

Judge W. W. Wheeler returned at the afternoon from Savannah, H. B. Stallo, 92. he had been the past is reeling fine and greatly improv-

Houston Robertson and family removed this week to their farm north of town. Houston will continue in the public weigher's office, however, until

R. A. Adcock of Gustine is visiting his sons, Postmaster O. J. Adcock and R. L. Adcock, and families. The eider Adcock, who is 80 years old, accompanied his grandsons, Elmer and Waymond, to Merkel Sunday.

After a visit of several days here Kirby Beckett returned to his home at El Paso Tuesday. He was accompanied by his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. T. Warren, who will visit with the Becketts until Christmas time,

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cook were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watson of Iraan and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gracy of Ranger, Mrs. Watson is a sister and Mr. Gracy, a brother of Mrs. Cook. They returned to their homes Wednesday.

#### Santa Claus Coming to Reid Variety Store

Santa Claus has sent word to Roy Reid of the Reid Variety that he will visit his store Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock and remain a while, distributing presents to some of his little friends. \* \* \* 1

He will travel in a decorated automobile and, as usual, Santy is always

#### Woodmen Circle Names New Slate of Officers

On December 6 at a regular meeting of the Woodmen circle, the followowing officers were elected for 1935:

Guardian, Mrs. Lita R. Rea; past guardian, Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth; adviser, Mrs. Bonnie Church; junior supervisor, Mr. Charles Mathews, ...aplain, Mrs. Bettie Allday; rinancial secretary, Mrs. Emma Richardson; corresponding secretary, Miss Iris Garrett; banker, Mrs. Winnie Turner; captain, Mrs. Sallie Gantt; organist, Mrs. Alice Wallace; attendant, Mrs. Charles Mathews, Jr.; assistant attendant, Miss Mary Click; inner sentinel, Mrs. Mary Provine; outer sentinel, Mrs. Ruby Barnett; auditors, Mrs. Ida McCandless and Miss Luna White; Mrs. · Tressie

icker, special district deputy. Mrs. Jannie B. Garner, district ger, and Miss Fay O'Bar, state on January 8, 1935. Merkel's degree team will not on floor work. The put

#### Grandchildren Arrive S. G. Russell Family

Twins, a boy and a girl, were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Warlick at the West Texas Baptist sanitar im, Abilene, early Wednesday morning. They vere christened Darwin and Darleno.

The mother is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell of this city, All obituaries, resolutions of respect, and the new twins are the second set cards of thanks, etc., are classed as of twins among their grandchildren. afvertising, and will be charged for the others being the twin boys of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dunn, now of Abilene.

#### **Honor Roll**

BUTMAN SCHOOL.

The following pupils, having made an average of 90 or more, are on the honor roll for the second month of Butman school, of which Miss Ruth Weatherred is principal:

First grade: J. E. Meeks. Second grade: Booth Russom, Del-

Third grade: Ruth Butman, Jack Butman, Dorris Reeves, Fourth grade: Martha Ruth Den-

Betty Lou Russell.

Sixt grade: Lillian Estell, Seventh grade: Bernice Lewis, Ed- of readers.

WHITE CHURCH SCHOOL

The honor roll of the White Church school for November is as follows: First grade: Floyd Hanley, 90.9. Second grade: Dorothy Jo Weston, 3.1. Kenneth Hanley, 92.1.

Fourth grade: Rudolph Farmer

Sixth grade: Homer Tye, 96; Elby Seventh grade: Howard Shugart, 91; J. W. Harrison, 91,

The following papils are on the

Third grade: Milton Cross, 93; Er-Fourth grade: Jeanette Neff, 94; Orval Ely, 94; Wilma Stallo, 93.

Eighth grade: Cleo Chancy, 93.

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#### Attends Southwestern Life Agents Meeting

F. E. Church is in Fort Worth for the last three days of this week at- other members of the local Lions club tending the thirty-first annual con-represented Merkel at Ranger Tuesvention of the Southwestern Life In- day night when approximately 200 surance company.

all parts of Texas were expected to be of Omaha, Nebr., president of Lions present for the convention. South- International, who is touring the western Life agents earn the right to southwest by motor. attend these meetings by writing a

Southwestern Life Insurance company es Brown.

### Explains Postage Rates the evening.

Christmas cards sent in unsealed envelopes, but with no written message on them except phrases of greet-Fifth grade: Nell Yvonne Butman, half, Postmaster O. J. Adcock stated made the inquiry for the information the Y. W. C. A. in Abilene. This was

> addressed to patroy of the local post- their Abilene co-workers. office, the cards may be sealed and sent for only one cent. If sealed, how- reported on the social service course ever, two cents will be required for recently completed in Dallas. delivery on rural routes served by the Metkel office and three cents for dispatch elsewhere.

Cards not in envelopes will be carried for one cent, just as post cards

#### Low Round Trip Fares Offered by Greyhound

Additional Christmas excursion fares effective December 13 were an-First grade: Melvin Cross, 92; Er- nounced today by A. F. Baldus, general traffic manager for Southwestern Greyhound lines. The round trip excursions will be one and one-half times the one way fare and will be good between all points on South-Fifth grade: Loyce Chancy, 92; western Greyhound lines, Mr. Baldus stated that the excursion fares Sixth grade: Bernice Thorn, 92; will be in effect during the entire holeks at Dr. Nichols'sanitarium. Earl Cross, 91; Flora Mae Finch, 90. iday season up until January 1 and will carry liberal return limits.

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#### Seven Attend Lion Banquet At Ranger

President Charlie Jones and six members and guests of the club in More than 500 representatives from this area greeted Vincent C. Hascall

Others in the group going from ertain volume of business during the Merkel were R. A. Burgess, Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, Fred Hughes, Tracy In the first half of 1934 the Campbell, Isadore Mellnger and Yat

conducted a newspaper advertising Besides an inspiring address by the campaign at a cost of \$75,000. Results Lions International president, visitors were impressive, and will be described were high in praise of the American at the company's annual agency meet- Legion Tickville band of Ranger, which furnished chief entertinment for the banquet and amusement for

#### On Christmas Greetings Merkel Relief Force Dinner Honorees

Misses Lona Bryan and Zada Bell ings and names of the sender, will and Ross Ferrier, Jr., members of the be carried anywhere for a cent and a staff of the local relief office, were guests of the Abilene relief ofice force to a representative of The Mail who at a turkey dinner Friday night at a return courtesy of the recent affair Of course, when such cards are when the Merkel group entertained

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Monday for Mexia where they will visit a daughter, Mrs. J. Fred Dupuy. The Shiloh church is putting on a play at Goodman schoolhouse on Wednesday, December 19. The title is "The Do Funny Family" and there is a laugh in every line. There will also be a short negro skit with plenty of music by home talent. The proceeds

The Seniors of Goodman school are putting on a play, "The Man in the Green Shirt," Friday night of this kel Mail office. week, Come, see these plays. Plenty of good comedy.

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her sister, Mrs. Jim Stevens.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McBride entertained a few friends with a party Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and two daughters were Abilene visitors

Everyone is asked to remember that next Sunday is church afternoon at the Methodist church. We are very thankful that Rev. W. B. Reaves was sent by the conference back to

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Harwell of Abilene were recent guests in the home

Mr. and Mrs O R Douglas and sons | 209 Pine and Mrs. W. J. Taylor were guests Lethal gas is now being used to ex- Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Lano Jordan of Abilene. Mrs. Taylor remained

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uppose it is impossible to es-

"It is useless to argue with you.

lessly. "You startled me."

sheen, was a long earth stain.

what is the matter "

whole hateful story, but she must not.

there or not, I won't talk about it!

be sorry for." Her hands went up to

He looked at her uneasily. He rang

"I'm sorry if you're not well," he

TENTH INSTALLMENT.

SYNOPSIS-Three weeks after a where you met her?" eream colored roadster had been | "And who has been spreading such of a cliff, a girl calling herself Anne of pleading was gone. For the first Cushing appears at the desert town time Mrs. Duane was afraid of the Marston. She has bought, sight unseen thing she had done. a ranch located thirty miles away. "I overheard it," she said with dig-Barry Duane, her nearest neighbor nity. "The very way it was said and his man, Boone Petry procure a showed that it was common gossip." reliable woman for her and in Barry's "Who said it?" His eyes were blazear, loaded down with supplies, they ing. start across the desert. In Marston her "How should I know? It is enough veticence has aroused suspicion. Barry that it could be said at all." and Anne become more than neighbors - ite did not answer immediately. and when Anne is lost in the hills and rescued by Barry, each realizes that cape the malice of other women's tonsomething more than friendship ex- gues ists between them

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY: But I know what I have heard and "Certainly, if you wish," Mrs. what I have seen tonight. Once more, Duane agreed politely. "Thank you Barry, will you come and see for fer the book, my dear. As for your self.' driving, I am sure that it is better "I will not." than having no one with you but that Mrs. Duane went stiffly back to new chauffeur. I don't like his looks, the door.

"Oh, I know Kennedy looks wicked am only your mother, pushed aside I think he isn't used to this kind of for a woman you scarcely know, But gled down behind the wheel. work, and taking orders from women the time will come when your eyes settled down, for he seems to be very this night as long as you live." much interested in one of your maids. For several minutes after his mo-I'm sure I caught sight of him wait- ther left him Barry paced gloomily up ing outside when I came tonight." and down the library. The whole thing

"I must look into that." Mrs. Dua- was sickening, and that his mother that should have been the one to bring this ne's voice was edged.

"What's the use." They'll only deny precious story to him had left him it." Cleo shrugged lazily. worried and depressed. Why were wo-

"Dear me, I believe we're going to men so hard on each other? Even his see the clandestine meeting. How ex- mother. . . .

lower steps toward the hedge.

The hedge was lower at that end his elbow and was thrust out of the he missed his guess. of the garden. On the other side of it way. a man nodded slightly and sauntered He could easily settle this. All he room, along toward the rear gate. The girl needed to do was to go upstairs and "I'm thinking of getting a new car,

the garden followed him. Cleo was on her feet, breathing and swung quickly toward the stairs, about racing cars?" apologies.

"Oh, Mrs. Duane, please forgive was not there. myself . . . I'll go now."

"My dear Cleo, you have not intru- him. tha, of course."

Grey-faced in the darkness, Mrs. His eyes swept over her swiftly, lowed to discuss this shameful thing of one of them, marring its delicate wasn't it?" with her.

Cleo grimaced slightly, unseen. The lights flashed on. But after Cleo had so that he scarcely heard his own ness again and stood rigidly unyield-

"My son's wife!" Her face was white in the darkness.

Barry was reading when his moth- of the night?" er entered the library.

"Still up? But I suppose you had eallers."

with me to my rooms. Quickly." "Of course, I will. Anything wrong feur out in the garden." there?"

"Everything is wrong," said Mrs. Barry's mother must have seen her steal out through the garden at night to do that? She wanted to tell him the tely expressionless.

Barry's voice that she had never to carry tales about me to have hurheard before, "I am afraid," he said ried the news to you as quickly as carefully,"that I shall have to ask you that." She saw him flush, but she As explain that extraordinary state- went on bitterly. "And whether I was

"I have told you. Come and see for I won't! I'll say things that we'll both yourself."

"Nancy and I don't spy on each oth-ther throbbing temples. They really did er. Besides, she went to her room throb now. "Ring for Bertha, please. with a headache. Why do you assume And stay until she comes." that it was she?"

"Our maids do not appear in even- hastily and came back to her.

"Nancy gave Bertha one of hers last week. Someone had spilled coffee on it."

"It was not Bertha," said Mrs. Duane coldly. "I know it was Anne. The man was obviously waiting for her, I did not see his face, but I have the unpleasant knowledge that a common chauffeur—that insolent creature who drives Cleo-was hanging around

taide only a little while before." "You didn't even see them meet?" He laid a pleading hand on her arm. Mother, why can't you be kinder to Nancy? Do you think that it has been esant for me to see that my mbrefuses to accept my wife as

Do you think that it is pleasant sther to know that this to a single day of her life before said jerkily. "Perhaps I'd better send, I've never met him." for Dr. Carmichael."

"No, please. It's only my head." fortable silence. There was a tap on turquoise of her gown, just below her

which appeared. "I rang for Bertha, Isn't she here?" dryly, Ellen was a new maid. She grinned "Things have a habit of coming my

lookin' as pretty as a pitcher in the where you met her . . . and by the she came to that barbarous place Found wrecked in the sea at the foot precious gossip as that?" The moment end of the drive sayin' good-night to ver, Kennedy, but you haven't any in-Is there anny-think I can do, Ma'am?" feur. You're here for money, Kennedy,

I've a headache."

scarcely breathed. "Nancy, forgve me! I've been a new situation. brute and I ought to be kicked for it." "What's your game?" he asked He drew her around with coaxing bluntly.

"Don't you know I love you, Barry? nedy took the hint. There isn't anybody else but you.

There couldn't be." "I know," he muttered. "It's be- wanted me to do something for you." cause you're so much to me, Nancy

little at the narrowness of escape.

"You are your own master, and I felt brightly contented as she sng. fore her-her past became known."

The driveway wound toward the end jout of the way-" makes him sulky. I think he'll soon be will be opened. And you will regret of the grounds in a double curve. He had an unpleasant way of strip-The lights of the roadster swung ping facts naked and making her look around and picked up two startled fig- at them. ures, hastily backing out of their flaring range. One of them was Ber-

"Alibi!" Cleo said under her breath.

It was close to midnight when Kennedy strolled back to that smaller The trouble probably was that ran- chateau which housed the Pendleton Down the shadowed path a girl's corous gossip. He flushed darkly at fleet of cars and their attendants, and figure moved quickly. She skirted the the recollection. So Nancy's name was he was met by a message that Miss far end of the garden and went with being bandied about like that? A whis- Cleo wanted to so him. Kennedy was pering devil of suspicion slyly jogged half sulky about it. Some deviltry, or

Cleo received him in the Chine:

look in at Nancy. He smiled to himself Kennedy. Do you know anything

Barry let himself in quietly. Anne -"A little." Kennedy's eyes narrowed slightly. He hesitated, and the me, I didn't dream-I didn't mean to He turned toward the door, blindly. desire to show that he had not always intrude like this, I'll never forgive There was the slight sound of its been at an employer's beck and call opening. Anne stood there, staring at was too much for him. "I know their points pretty well," he added careless-"Oh-Barry!" She said it breath-

"Really?" Cleo smiled encouraging-Duane held her head high. No one, suspiciously, and dropped to the slim ly. "That was before you-er-gave not even Cleo Pendleton, should be al- perfection of her slippers. On the side up the Forty-Ninth Street house,

> All the lines of Kennedy's face The blood sang in his ears again, sharpened.

"About that time," he said briefly. gone she plunged the room into dark- voice. "Anne, where have you been?" "So you've been looking up my rec-Before that hard note she stopped ord?"

"It wasn't necessary, Kennedy. "Why, Barry, what is the matter?" You're quite well known." "Where have you been at this hour

He stared back at her, suspicious and half truculent. "Well, you know, "At this hour? Why, it isn't late." I didn't try to get the job under an "I've been in the garden. Barry, assumed name, anyway."

"Oh yes, I'm perfectly satisfied, "It was Cleo," said his mother "Within the past half hour I have Kennedy. But of course I know that briefly. "Barry, I wish you would come had to listen to a sickening story that a man of your experience isn't taking you were meeting somebody's chauf- a chauffeur's position except for some special reason. Does John Gage know She felt suddenly sick and tired, that you are in Granleigh?"

It must have been a sharp jolt for Duane bitterly. "I have had the and carried the story to him in bitter | Kennedy, but this time his face-the humiliation of seeing my son's wife triumph. Who else hated her enough gambler's face, after all-was absolu-

"That's too deep for me," he answ-"Mother!" There was a note in "Somebody must have been willing ered indifferently. "If you mean the big fellow,I don't know what he know

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"Not even that nght last May when this happened?" Cleo's hand They waited for Bertha in uncom- rested for a moment against the filmy the door, but it was Ellen's broad face heart.

"You've had a busy day,' he said

way, Kennedy. And I know you went "Yes'm, in a way, but it's her night out tonight to keep an appointment out. She's been to a party, Ma'am, with Mrs. Barry Duane, and just grand dress ye give her, and this good way, how very much she looks like half hour she's been standin' at the Miss Curtis! You're a wonderful drivthe young felly from Quinn's Garage, tention of staying on here as a chauf-"Bring me some ice cubes, Ellen. big money, I'm afraid the courts would call it blackmail."

The door closed on Ellen, Anne Kennedy listened, outwardly unmoved but taking lively account of this

"I'm not playing, Kennedy." Ken-

"My error." He temporized astutely, "But I got the idea that you

"Perhaps you could." She consider-. I think I'd go mad if you ever ed him thoughtfully. "There is someone in Granleigh whose presence is go-She tried not to shiver, quaking a ing to bring danger and unhappiness to some close friends of mine. Some day there will be a scandal, and she Luck had been kind to Cleo. Mrs. will be forced to leave in disgrace. It Duane, outraged and bitter, would go would be better for everybody constraight to Barry with her story. Cleo cerred if she went away quietly, be-

"You want me to get Duane's wife

"I wish her to go away. Alone." "Reno, or a Mexican divorce?" (Continued Next Week.)

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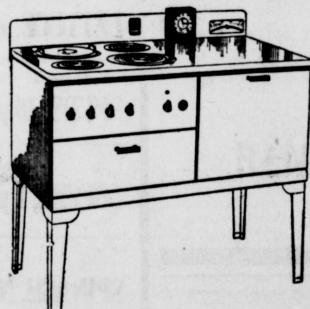
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(Continued from Page One.) Betty Jane Hathaway, 90.

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Second Grade, Miss Curb. Frances Walker, 95; Stanley Lee Riddle, 95; Jesse Rhynes, 93; Ikey Turner, 93; Mary Evelyn Pery, 95; Webb, 91; Ted McAninch, 90; Jerry McGehee, 90; Jimmy Speck, 90.

Second Grade, Miss Poque. Billy Tom Diltz, 95; Ralph Dye, 95; ton, 91. J. D. Fox, 95; Ralph Hardy, 95; Bonnie Jaynes, 95; Glendel Lang, 95; Doro thy Jean Jinkens, 93; Carrol Bland, Jinkens, 90.

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Hutcheson, 96; Wanda McCoy, 96; Genevive Cox, 90; Ruthie Davis, 90. George Mack Owens, 96: Doris Mae Lepard, 95; Johnnie McDonald, 95; Frances Williams, 94; 'Freda Nell key, 96; Hugh Leonard, 94; John Huddleston, 93; Matilene London, 93; Leonard, 94; Ruby Carry, 93; Billy Marcus Webb, 92; Robert Edward Woodrum, 93; Eva Faye Bush, 92; Stanford, 91; Peggy Joyce Toombs, Alice Carey, 92; Janet Hayes, 91; 91; Alvarie Smith, 90; Nedra Swaf- Thelma Patterson, 91; Murry Toombs, ford, 90; L. L. Wills, 90.

Fourth Grade, Miss Joyner. Nina Osborn, 94; Billie Wood, 94;

91; Truett Perry, 90. Fourth Grade, Miss Hayes.

Diltz, 90.

Fifth Grade, Miss Morgan. Becky Gardner, 96; Tommy Evelyn imes, 95; Alene Cox, 92; Bonnie atts, 90; Virgie Mae Henry, 90; etty Lu Higgins, 90.

Fifth Grade, Miss Agerton. O. C. Shouse, Jr., 94; Roy Owen 4; Billy Jack Laneaster, 93; Doris Clyde Miller, 93; Maurine Steele, 92; Theda Perry, 92; Tillman Rutledge. 91; Dorothy Lee Shannon, 90; Leola Marshall, 90; Betty Jean Sterling, 90. th Grade, Miss Ledger.

West, 96; Don Woods,

95; Bettye Joe Reed, 92.

Sixth Grade, Mrs. Collins. Euvalda Fox, 93; Harvey Davis, 92; Loen Heete., 02; Billy Largent, English, 92; Teddie Joe Bicknell, 91; 92; Anna Lee Blake, 91; Bonnie Church, 91; Aelo Mae Cypert, 90.

Seventh Grade, Mr. Duke. Mabel Murray, 95; Mary Jo Rus-Nell Lee, 94; Billy Pangle, 94; Bobbie sell, 95; Billie Wood, 95; W. I. Woz-Nell Reagan, 91; Calvin Hickam, encraft, 95; Kenneth Niel, 93; Pearl 90; Gerald Renfro, 90; Lloyd Rut- Mathews, 92; Mary Nell Morgan, 91; Tipton, 91; Don Warren, 91; Verne Moore, 90; Frances Owen, 90.

Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett. Evelyn Ensminger, 9; Mary Jo Gar-Frances Melton, 91; Joyce Marie land, 95; Mildred Bird, 93; Francis visit for an indefinite time with rela-Catts, 93; Pauline Hellums, 93; Lav- tives at that place. They will also erne Harwell, 92; Joyce Hayes, 92; Archie Farr, 92; Maurine Huddles-

HIGH SCHOOL.

Eighth Grade. Ainsworth Gates, 95; Dorothy Sue other singing some time. 92; Donald Cox, 92; Benny Kemper, Bird, 94; Jannell Black, 94; Fredia The play that was presented by the 92; Marcy Abernathy, 90; Laverne Farmer, 94; Pauline Joyner, 92; Lila sixth and seventh grades at the Beth Anthony, 92; T. L. Reid, 91; O. school auditorium last Friday night D. Blair, 90; Dana Derstine, 90; Hol- was just as fine as could be for

Sophomore Class. Clifford Williams, 93; Juanita Bis-Wayne Dunn, 92; Esther Farr, 92; hop, 93; Betty Lou Grimes, 93; La interest shown in her pupils. Verne Hughes, 93: Pauline McAnin-Jack Haynes, '98; Willie Sue Mor- ch, 92; Willie Mae Hudson, 91; Mar- daughter, Dorris, visited with the gan, 98; Avalene Mathews, 97; Don vin Perkins, 90; Mary F. Cook, 90;

Junior Class. Clifton Bellamy, 96; Juanita Hus-91; Winston Polly, 90.

Senior Class.

Aline McAninch, 96; Clara F. Lar-Elbert Hickam, 93; Margaret Sharp, gent, 95; Cleo Henley, 95; Billie B. 92; Aubrey Shouse, 91; Evelyn Sears, Gambill, 95; Vivian Davis, 95; Anna Lou Church, 95; Gladys Mashburn, 94; Randal McNiece, 94; Horace Dan-Billy Tom Hutcheson, 97; Billy iel, 94; Edith Neill, 94; Mildred West, Clyde Haynes, 96; Clara Bell Haw- 93; Robbie Walker, 92; Frances Scogkins, 95; Floyd Hutcheson, Jr., 94; gin, 92; Thelma Mathews, 92; Juanez Joe Gates, 93; Juanez Holt, 91; Mickey Jones, 92; Veda Helen Bradley, 92; Doris M. Barron, 92; Robert Bickley, 91; Roy Sterling, 91; Jessie M. Berry, 91; Loreta Cox, 91; J. V. Patterson, 90; Ben Sublett, 90.

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#### BLAIR ITEMS

Hrs. Zuma Fulion returned Honday to her home at Lubbock after

J. C.and Monroe Horton of Oklahoma are visiting for an indefinite Hugh Campbell and other relatives of

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer left the past week for Corpus Christi to visit other points in South Texas.

The singing in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fat Addison was enjoyed by a large crowd Sunday night, Mr. and Mrs. Addison will have to give us an-

youngsters of that age and a compliment can be handed to their teacher, Miss Margaret Thomas, for the

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell and

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This warning is not for the purpose of accusing any speci-Wilma McAninch, 91; Mary Love time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. fied place of business but to call your attention to the fact that the closing at 9 a. m. henceforth will be strictly enforced.

Very respectfully, W. M. Elliott, Mayor. Chester Hutcheson, City Marshal.

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Blair Home Demonstration club met

for Christmas in the home of Mrs.

Will Campbell to be held on Friday

night, December 21, each member!

bringing two simple gifts and pop-

corn balls and apples. Husbands in-

vited. Mesdames Kate Campbell, D. C.

Doan and Carl Hughes were appoint-

ed as Christmas tree decorators. The Red Cross reported \$6.00 collected.

At the noon hour Mrs. S. L. Scog-

gins and Mrs. E. J. Osborn served a delicious dinner to the following

members: Mesdames I. V. Garrett,

Carl Hughes, J. W. Maddera, E. J.

Osborn, Harry Riney, John Russell,

Lillie Brooks, Ed Sandusky, Will

Campbell, Doc Doan, Jim Campbell,

Will Watley, D. C. Doan, T. A. Mit-

chell, S. L. Scoggins, and visitors,

Misses Vara Crippen, Luna White

IN MEMORY OF MRS. LAURA

HARRISON.

these words has been permitted to

know this great character in the

sanctity of her home where for many

years she remained and gave testimo-

my to a life consecrated to high and

noble purposes. The infinite mind of God disclosed to this unusual woman in early life the beauties of Christianity and she spake often to those

For many years the writer of

and Ima Garrett.

CLUB.

Mrs. Jim Campbell.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Holly- one of them myself . . . A folding beautiful Christmas flowers and berdeep red chenille hangings, poinset- card table makes its debut among the ries centered the dining table and Sunday morning. We have an excel- is too far to go to Jerusalem," and at day School to be on time next Sunday tias and shiny deep green leaves- doll furniture . . . Tinker sets new were used in the game rooms. silver wreaths, holly berries, TREES and improved. Every boy should have A delectable turkey menu was servbrilliantly lighted and snowy-I'm go- Their wheel goods department would es of auction bridge and "42" prog. but during his absence our associate Come, let us reason together, saith most peculiar subject you ever heard. ing crazy-Christmas Eve I'll get all do credit to any city . . . the hand- ressed during the evening hours for superintendent, Clark Munday, is car- the Lord; though your sins be as scar- Be sure and be there. weepy, "Silent Night" always does somest bicycles and a scooter with Messrs, and Mesdames Warren Smith, rying on in a most efficient way. that to me, But right now I want to balloon tires so big they make your W. S. J. Brown, Dee Grimes, John | This week we are having a Sun- Come, let us discuss God's word, rush up and squeal CHRISTMAS eyes pop out! But remember this West, Tom Largent, Mr. Kirby Beck- day School training class, meeting

And I HAVE picked up some EX- adults will never get beyond the gift CELLENT suggestions if you'll only department, it is still a marvel to me let this self-styled "wise man" direct that Merkel can support such an ex-Mothers, wives, sweethearts, your gift home with a sumptuous turkey din-THE MERKEL DRUG is taking problems are solved here. Cheerio!

earthed just this week. From all in- ent to you is Beauty of face, hair and ting of autumn leaves. She was asdications it seems that people won't hands with Youth a natural follow- sisted in entertaining by her daughbe able to resist the attractiveness of up-A smart woman is always well ter, Miss Mary Eula Sears. the new designs in Elgin watches for groomed and a good permanent is a The following enjoyed this happy men and women both in pocket and perquisite for a well groomed appear- occasion: Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Estes, wrist watch models-For Junior what ance . . . The clever lady will make an Mr. and Mrs. D. O Huddleston, Mrs. could be cuter than a Mickey Mouse appontment before her rush of Christ- Lila M. Touchstone and Miss Molly genuine Elgin. He'd be proud as a mas shopping and social engagements Frank Touchstone, Abilene, Misses peacock and for little Sister a "Three are too heavy! I needn't tell you about Mossie and Eula Sears. Little Pigs" creation would thrill her the marvelous permanents the TINER nearly to death! You'll be intrigued BEAUTY SHOPPE gives; they've with the rich effects achieved by the built too well known a reputation on craftsmen in lovely designed brace- them, but I do urge you to get your plays hostess to members of the Merlets-I won't "tattle" but the hearts wave before the holiday rush. Just kel school board with a turkey dinner be delighted with one of them on close Mrs. Timer and Maurine want was the anticipated date for this Christmas morning. A Pyralin dress- to express their appreciation of, and year and a most bountiful dinner was er set in a handsomely embossed case invite a continuation of your patron- partaken of before the more serious

dy, it can always mean So Much or HUGHES CHEVROLET COM- Boney, J. E. Richardson, Herbert Patron Bridge Sets et cetera-Diaries Their gift stock is varied and smart gess. for the sweet young things-Lige -The prettiest gear-shift balls in Gamble has certainly made his Xmas onyx and the little novelty that has selections wisely and well . . . My now become a necessity in this windy beret is off to the gentleman! A good West Texas a Cigarette Lighter that answer to that "I can't make up my ALWAYS works, right in the carmind" quandry is to go to the MER- (\$1.25) in matching onyx, they make KEL DRUG . . . I'll be seein' Ya! | a beautiful set— Those very new TOYLAND, a real Kiddies' Para- visors, not the dinky little hootuses during the games. dise is open now, completely stocked that make a contortionist out of you for Your convenience . . . How many but large (\$3.00)—A pair of De Luxe Ramsey, Abilene, Sadler, Higgins, times have I been met with "that's all Ho as that are so extremely "Bigthere is; there isn't any more." Don't town"-Here's the most practical gift

a wonderful stock of durable toys at single unit radios-Since the presi- day evening, December 11, to members such other business as may proper-BULLOCK'S . . . stream-lined trains, dent has become so "air-minded" a of Merkel chapter No. 212, Order of ly come before the meeting. cars, scooters, Fire Chief tricycles good radio is almost a necessity to Eastern Star. complete even to sirens. "Buck Jones" keep up with world events. Genuine pistols; pianos with bell-like tones Chevrolet Heaters the loveliest gift of sion of the evening, at the culmina-(new); electric stoves, overstuffed all-on down to Cromac dust cloths tion of which each one was presenchairs for little tots just like Moth- with polish especially for cars at (25c) ted with a gift from the Christmas

about her concerning the fact of an dies was served to the following memexperience rich in grace, lasting in bers and guests: Mr. and Mrs. Mose power and satisfying in peace to her Cummins, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensoul, and she will enjoy throughout sminger, Mr. and Mrs. James Waters, eternity the rewards of a life of use- Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Daniel, Mr. and On Wednesday, November 28, the fulness well lived.

Our county home agent, Miss Vara holy will that we must be parted for Crippen, and Miss Luna White of a while-Merkel were present and cut pat- In sweet submission, all as one, terns for Mrs. Will Campbell and We'll say our Father's will be done.

The tenderest sympathy is exten-The club decided on a club party ded to those so sadly bereaved. -A Friend.

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ALL OCCASIONS

MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Mrs. Booth Warren complimented her husband on his birthday Monday evening with a dinner party of lovely appointments. A colorful decoration of red and green was given emphasis in all party accessories;

a tool chest at some time in his life! ed in three courses, after which gam-

PRE-HOLIDAY DINNER.

tensive and artistic collection . . hospitality Sunday when she was at ner served family style at high noon and dazzled by the extensive stock of The quest of every woman is eter. to a number of guests. Seasonal fruits beautiful jewelry that has been un- nal youth-Maurine's Christmas pres- centered the table in an artistic set- and be with us next Sunday morning.

ANNUAL FEAST.

Mrs. R. A. Burgess each year ploited.

The following trustees were pres- o'clock in the "fixiest" wrappings, dee-lish- I'm too thrilled over the Christmas ent: Messrs, C.P. Church, Fred Hughshus, and you feel so safe giving can- wrapped packages on display at les, Lige Gamble, O. J. Adcock, W. O. these services. So Little-For the smart young mat- PANY. Dash right over this week- terson and the host, Mr. R. A. Bur-

BRIDGE GAMES.

Contract devotees again met in the home of Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr., the hostess. Holiday Allday, Mrs. L. C. Rea, Tom Allday, game appointments brightened bridge Tommie, Jr., and the hostess. Vanily Mirrors, with combination sun tables where games of contract were played. Seasonal nuts were served

Players were: Mesdames W. V. mes, Collins and Durham.

Progressive "42" was the diver-

A salad plate with Christmas can-Mrs. O. N. Buford, Mr. and Mrs. We will say to her children and Grady Neill, Mrs. P. B. Causeaux, with Mrs. S. L. Scoggins for the pur- grandchildren with other loved ones Mrs. J. M. Williamson, Mrs. C. C. pose of cutting foundation patterns. and friends, that, since it is God's Miller, Miss Iris Garrett, Mrs. P. T.

lent Sunday School and would be glad the evening service we will probably morning; we have a little surprise to have you with us. Our superinten- discuss the lesson of "The Two Build- for you all. dent, W. J. Largent, will soon be home, ers."

ett of El Paso and the honoree and each evening at the church. Mr. Tom Riddle is teaching.

Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. B. T. S. at 6:45 p. m. mas program and many of the Ju-Mrs. Amy Sears extended gracious W. M. U. at 3 o'clock Monday after- iniors are at work on their parts now. noon. Prayer meeting at 7 o'clock Our Junior band is increasing in Wednesday evening.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Come Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "The Church of Minimums." Come and worship with us.

Young people's meeting 6:15 p. m. Preaching 7 p. m. Women meeting Monday afternoon 2:30. Boys' and Girls' World club Monday 4 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m. P. H. Gates, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 775 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, as compared with 742 of several young femme's are sure to a minute—As this year rushes to a at their home. Last Tuesday evening on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 828 were present.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preachstruck me as just the thing to AB- age-Good Wishes and the best of matters of the school year were ex- ing at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7

You are cordially invited to all of

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST. All services will be at the regular

hous. Will you come and be with us ! on this Lord's Day? The sermon to

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stocholders Duffer, Zehnpfennig, Largent, Boaz, of The Farmers and Merchants Na-Mayfield, G. C. Farrow, Misses Gri- tional Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday the 8th day of January, 1935, selections now and ask about BUL- man WOULDN'T be infinitely satis- EASTERN STAR ENTERTAINED. at six o'clock p. m.. for the election of Mrs. Tom Allday was hostess Tues\_ directors and the transaction of

Booth Warren, Cashier.

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be under discussion at the morning will remember you all.

let they shall be as white as snow. !

Flavil R. Yeakley. Minister.

#### NAZARENE CHURCH.

The church is planning a Christnumbers, for which we are very proud. We are also planning a Christmas tree at the church and trust everyone will have a good time.

Let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. Come worship with us. Sunday School 10 a. m., N. Y. P. S. 6:30 p. m. Preaching Saturday night at 7, Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Preaching on the street Saturday 2:30 p. m.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Our Sunday School leaped forward in attendance 33 more than the previous Sunday. The interest in Bible study is increasing. Each teacher is taking great interest in their class,!

teaching them the Bible only; no e pensive literature to buy, just the plain, sensible word of God is our text book, and we have a guarantes that there is no modernism in our text book. Away with the opinions of man, back to the word of God.

We have the best group of Junios sngers in Texas.

We are planning a Christmas tre and program. We want every litted boy and girl to be there. Santa Clay

Sunday School at 10 o'clock each hour is the statement of a king, "It | We urge every member of our Sun-

Sunday night we will preach on the

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

#### WARNING.

The City of Merkel has an ordinance prohibiting the use of fireworks in and upon the streets, alleys, rights, of-way or in any part of the business section of the city, and prescribing a penalty for its violation.

This notice is to warn those that do this, to think before they use the fireworks. It is very dangerous and may cause a fire or break plate glas and besides it is a nervous shock the some people to have the fireworks tossed at them.

Let everyone take warning. Do

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> W. M. Elliott, Mayor.

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Queen of West 48 lb. sacks Light Crust \$2.10

48 lb. sacks Elveijo 48 lb. sacks

100 lbs. Morton's Sugar-Curing SMOKE SALT 10 lb. can 80c

MEAT

SALT

KILN DRIV

SAUSAGE SEASONING LARD CANS

Crackers

Excel Saltines

19c

They are delicious **Prunes** Healthful and sanitary Peanut Butter 2 LB

**Graham Crackers** National Excel

21c Armour's

Chili Coffee

**Peaches** 

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No. 2 1-2 can Packed in Heavy Syrup \_\_\_\_\_For \_\_\_

COME AND SEE OUR COMPLETE AS-SORTMENT OF XMAS FRUITS & NUTS

> Bananas Golden Fruit

Doz. 15c

Apples Delicious, Med. Size Doz. 15c

Fresh Tomatoes South Texas 2 LBS. 15c

Nice and tender Beans, lb. 10c

Jumbo Size Celery, stalk 15c

Large firm heads Lettuce, each 5c

Co'nuts, 3 for 25c

Large Tex. seedless Grape Fruit 5c BUNCH

**HOLIDAY ITEMS** Dromadary Mix, 1 lb. 1-2 oz.

Fruit Cake Receipe Brand Marshmalows, 1 lb. 20c Pure Sugar Stick Candy, 1 lb. pk g. 20

High Quality-16 ounces Pitted Dates, pk

No. 1 Grade Walnuts, p

VEGETABLES

White Swann Red Cherrie